

How does it work for

Sole Traders

Contrary to the confusion caused by the Chancellor, his announcement regarding the self employed was for sole traders only, not Directors of Ltd companies. Directors of Ltd companies instead come under the job retention scheme. The sole trader help is means tested at a limit of £50k profit per annum (average between 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19). More than 50% of your income must be as a sole trader to qualify.

You can still carry on working as a sole trader and claim via the scheme



Registered in self assessment

The government is only offering support to individuals who have submitted an 18/19 return. Unfortunately if you only became a sole trader in 19/20, the government have not offered any help. Although this could change in the future, this is uncertain.



Filed 2019 return

Nothing to do for now, the application will be done in June and should be automatic as HMRC already hold the tax return submission. You have to have continued as a sole trader in 19/20 and intend to continue in 20/21



Not filed 2019 return?

4 weeks to do so



Claim **80%** of self employed income up to **£2,500**

lump sum due in June for 3 months average profit as a taxable grant [click here for more information](#)

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