

Wet-led pubs Christmas support payment

Pubs that **do not** take more than 50% of their sales in food or 'wet-led pubs' who are **unable** to open in Tier 2 or Tier 3 are able to access a one-off grant payment for December of **£1,000**. This grant payment is **on top** of any other grants the eligible pubs are entitled to. This means that wet-led pubs can apply for this grant **as well** as the second national lockdown grant, LRSG closed and the ARG schemes.

Applications for this scheme are open and will close on 31 January 2021.

[Please refer to policy](#)

Eligibility criteria for this scheme is as follows:

- the pub must be open to the general public (under usual circumstances)
- the pub must allow free entry
- the pub must allow drinking without requiring food to be consumed
- the pub must permit drinks to be purchased at a bar
- the pub must take less than 50% of its income from food sales - we may request proof of accounts to substantiate this.
- the pub must have been trading as of 30 November 2020.
- the grant will be paid to the liable person as of 1 December 2020
- a grant will be paid to each eligible rated premises - an individual application must be made for each premises.

Exclusions to this scheme are as follows:

- Nightclubs, restaurants, cafes, hotels, snack bars, guest houses, boarding houses, sporting venues, music venues, festival sites, theatres, museums, exhibition halls, cinemas, concert halls and casinos are **not** eligible for this scheme.
- Pubs that derive more than 50% of their income from food sales are **not** eligible for this scheme.
- Businesses that have already received grant payments that equal the maximum levels of state aid under the rules stipulated below are **not** eligible for this scheme
- Businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking off notice has been made are **not** eligible for this scheme.

- Businesses in areas moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2 or Tier 3 after 29 December 2020 will not be eligible for this grant.

Any changes to the ratings list (rateable value or hereditament) after the first full day of localised restrictions (2 December) including changes which have been backdated to this date, should be ignored for eligibility purposes

Application process

Before you start your application please ensure you have the following information:

- Your business rates reference number
- Full name, and address of business premises
- You will be asked to certify you meet eligibility for this grant as part of this application so please read the above criteria fully before applying.
- We may ask for evidence that you meet the full eligibility criteria as part of your application.