



Restart Grant - Guidance for Applicants

The Restart Grant was announced in the Budget on 3 March 2021 and is intended to support businesses in the Council's area as coronavirus restrictions across the country are eased.

This support takes effect from 1 April 2021. It is not retrospective.

Scope of the Restart Grant

The Restart Grant is a one-off grant funding scheme in the financial year 2021-22. There are two strands to the grant as follows:

- Strand One – to support non-essential retail properties
- Strand Two – to support hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses

Which businesses this scheme will support

The Restart Grant will support the following business:

- Non-essential retail
- Hospitality
- Accommodation
- Leisure
- Sports facilities
- Personal care

Annex C of the Government's Restart Grant guidance gives a detailed list of business types that are included in these sectors. [You can read the guidance and list at this link.](#)

Level of grants available

The level of funding will be a one-off payment and will be calculated based on the

rateable value of the qualifying business property as follows at 1st April 2021.

Strand One – to support non-essential retail properties

- For properties with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under, payments of £2,667.00
- For properties with a rateable value over £15,000 and below £51,000, payments of £4,000.00
- For properties with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 and over, grants of £6,000.00

Strand Two – to support hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses

- For properties with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under, payments of £8,000.00
- For properties with a rateable value over £15,000 and below £51,000, payments of £12,000.00
- For properties with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 and over, grants of £18,000.00

Businesses can make an application for each property with a rateable value that they operate from within Northumberland. Each property requires a separate application. Some businesses may, therefore, receive more than one grant payment.

Subsidy Allowance threshold rules apply to the award of Restart Grants

Eligibility criteria

- Businesses must have a property within Northumberland with a qualifying rateable value.
- Businesses must have been trading on 1 April 2021 in order to be eligible for a Restart Grant.
- Businesses must be classed as non-essential retail, hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care or a gym business.
- Businesses that offer in person services where the main service and activity take place in a fixed rate paying premises.
- Annex C of the Government's Restart Grant guidance gives a more indicative list of businesses that fall into scope of the Restart Scheme.
- Businesses that are in administration, are insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made are not eligible for funding under this scheme.
- Businesses that, were they to receive grant payments under this scheme, breach subsidy rules are not eligible for funding under this scheme.

How to apply for the Restart Grant

An online application process will be made available on the Council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk. Applicants will have to supply information and complete a declaration. Applications must be made by 30 June 2021 and final payments will be made by 31 July 2021.

Queries regarding this scheme can be addressed to the County Council at the following dedicated email address: covidgrants@northumberland.gov.uk

Appeals

Applicants whose applications are rejected may request a review. The review will be carried out by an officer who was not involved in the original decision. The decision of the review is final. Details about how to request a review will be provided to every applicant whose application is rejected.

Managing the risk of fraud

Neither the Government nor Northumberland County Council will accept deliberate manipulation and fraud - and any business caught falsifying their records to gain grant money will face prosecution and any funding issued will be subject to claw back, as may any grants paid in error.

It is important that applicants ensure that they provide accurate bank details for grant payments and that these relate to the business concerned

Will these grant schemes be subject to tax?

Grant income received by a business is taxable. The Restart Grant will need to be included as income in the tax return of the business. Only businesses that make an overall profit once grant income is included will be subject to tax.