1. **Access to Finance supports for COVID-19 impacted businesses**

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*Adapted from the “Brexit loan Scheme”.

**The Microfinance Ireland maximum loan amount has been increased to €50,000 for businesses impacted by COVID-19.

2. **Other Government supports for COVID-19 impacted businesses**

- Bord Bia’s COVID-19 information is here: [https://www.bordbia.ie/industry/covid-19-information/](https://www.bordbia.ie/industry/covid-19-information/)
- A €200m Package for Enterprise Supports including a Rescue and Restructuring Scheme is available through [Enterprise Ireland](https://www.enterprise-ireland.com) for vulnerable but viable firms that need to restructure or transform their business.
- The Government has announced a [National COVID-19 Income Support Scheme](https://www.gov.ie/en). This will provide financial support to Irish workers and businesses affected by the crisis.
- The COVID-19 Employer Refund Scheme has been replaced by a new and enhanced [COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme](https://www.revenue.ie) to be administered by the Revenue Commissioners.
- Employees of businesses that need to reduce hours or days worked can avail of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection [Short-time Work Support](https://www.dew.gov.ie).
- The full range of [Enterprise Ireland](https://www.enterprise-ireland.com), [IDA Ireland](https://www.ida.ie), [Local Enterprise Office](https://www.localenterprise.ie) and [Údarás na Gaeltachta](https://www.undaras.ie) grant supports will be available to firms to help with strategies to innovate, diversify markets and supply chains and to improve competitiveness.
- The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection and the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation will provide a joint First Responder support service through the Intreo Offices and development agencies, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland in each region to provide tailored supports for impacted firms, with objective of avoiding mass lay-offs and buying time for firms to work through the short-term disruptions.
- A Finance in Focus grant of €7,200 will be available to Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta clients that want to access consultancy support to undertake immediate finance reviews.
- In addition to their current range of business supports to microenterprises, LEOs can also provide business continuity vouchers from €2,500 to assist in preparing any
business continuity issues that arise in the current challenging environment: LEOs COVID-19 Business Response.

- Enterprise Ireland has a number of supports available to help businesses mitigate the impact of Covid-19. Their COVID-19 Business Response Plan outlines the COVID-19 supports available.
- The Department of Health has prepared COVID-19 guidance for supply chain workers.
- The Government has agreed support for businesses impacted by COVID-19 through commercial rates deferral.


**Business Continuity Planning: COVID-19 Checklist**
The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has updated its checklist on Business Continuity Planning which provides a checklist of preparatory actions for businesses in responding to COVID-19.