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| Is the economy really opening up?  The Office of National Statistics have published some interesting Data with regards to COVID-19 and it's current impact on the UK economy.  [Read more....](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19roundupeconomybusinessandjobs/2020-07-02) Budget deficit leaps to £62m The Government bail out to businesses has caused a massive gap in the public finance accounts. Tax payments received by HMRC were down 42 per cent on the same month last year, while central government spending jumped 52 per cent. What is the Government predictions. [Read more....](https://cdn.obr.uk/EFO_March-2020_Accessible.pdf) COVID secure. Are you compliant?  We believe that all our clients should be aware of the different guidelines there are with regards to how they should be operating in the current climate. Ensuring that your business is fully COVID secure will have an impact on you, your staff, your customers and eventually your bottom line. See what is required for your business. [Read more....](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19) Tax Credits  If you want to make a claim for Tax Credits you have until 31st July to make your claim. Don't miss out on money you can legally claim. [Read more....](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-credits-its-time-to-update-your-award)Face coverings Business practices have now adapted to the COVID compliant world. This means that in many places of work face coverings must be worn. [Read more....](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home) Eat out to help out  50% discount off your bill. Mondays Tuesday & Wednesdays  [Read more....](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-discount-with-the-eat-out-to-help-out-scheme)Has your Tax Returns been filed?Do you have Vat returns that need to be submitted? |

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