



COVID-19 update

We are here for you

These are difficult times as we all take steps to deal with the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Thank you to those of you who have already made us aware of how you are protecting both staff and clients. It is sensible to make this information available on your website for clients.

CILEx Regulation, as you will appreciate, has also had to make some changes and all staff are now working from home. We will still be picking up emails and are available to answer your queries via mobile numbers – some telephone numbers may have changed. Please email us in the first instance on info@cilexregulation.org.uk and request a call back. If you would like a video call, we are also happy to set these up.

We are aware that some firms have seen a significant downturn in workloads since the crisis started and have obvious concerns going forward. Do keep in touch with us so we can know how your firm is doing and if we can be of any assistance we will do our best to help.

Support

The government is in the process of putting in a range of support measures to help businesses through this difficult time. And whilst some of this support is not applicable to law firms at this time, some may be of help. We would therefore encourage you to regularly visit the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

The information on it is changing on a frequent basis as some support requires legislation, and the applicability of others is being broadened as time goes on. We would suggest you look at:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: This is managed through HMRC and covers 80% of an employees salary, who otherwise would have been laid off.
- Support for businesses through deferring VAT and Income Tax payments
- Support for businesses who are paying sick pay to employees (Awaiting legislation)
- Support for Business through the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.
- Support for businesses paying tax: HMRC Time to Pay service.

We appreciate this is a particularly stressful time, so please remember that you and your staff are able to use the services of Lawcare: <https://www.lawcare.org.uk/>. Lawcare can offer advice on a range of subjects from managing stress through to what to do if you are worried about someone else.