



Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme

What is it?

The Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) will provide a government guarantee of 80% to enable banks to make loans of up to £25m to businesses with an annual turnover of between £45m and £500m.

As with the Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme, designed for businesses with an annual turnover of up to £45m, the scheme will be delivered through commercial lenders, backed by the British Business Bank.

This scheme is designed for businesses that would be otherwise unable to access the finance they need. Lenders are still expected to conduct their usual credit risk checks, but this scheme allows them to specifically support businesses that were viable before Covid-19 but are facing cash flow difficulties. Facilities backed by a guarantee under CLBILS will be offered at commercial rates of interest.

Businesses remain responsible for repaying any facility they may take out.

This scheme will launch during April.

Who is eligible?

Businesses must:

- Be UK based in its business activity
- Have an annual turnover between £45m and £500m
- Be unable to secure regular commercial financing
- Have a borrowing proposal which the lender:
 - Would consider viable, were it not for Covid-19
 - Believes will enable you to trade out of any short-term to medium-term difficulty
- Businesses from any sector can apply, except the following
 - Banks and Building Societies
 - Insurers and reinsurers (but not insurance brokers)
 - Public sector organisations, including state-funded primary and secondary schools
 - Employer, professional, religious or political membership organisations
 - Trade Unions.

How do I access support?

The scheme will be available through a range of accredited lenders, which will be listed on the British Business Bank website.

Further details will be announced later this month.

As further information is published by the government we will update our summaries. Should you have any initial queries either contact your usual CK contact or look at the governments dedicated business support website businesssupport.gov.uk.