



## SELF EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME (SEISS)

### HOW CAN BLUE PEAK HELP?

The Blue Peak Team have been living and breathing Covid-19 over the last few weeks and we are fully up to speed on the SEISS and on hand to guide you through your application.

We know that not all of you will be eligible but there are other financial support options available and we can support you in making sure you receive the maximum amount of help from the government.

Please give Catherine a call or email the Blue Peak Team on [enquiries@blue-peak.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@blue-peak.co.uk)



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### WHAT IS THE SEISS ?

The scheme allows the self-employed to claim a taxable grant of 80% of their average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months, and capped at £7,500 altogether.

The process is quick and easy to follow, but you may well need guidance to help you through the eligibility criteria and the process for checking and claiming. We are here to give you that help.

Specific areas of guidance are:

- why you may / may not be eligible
- where to find the details you need to complete the application
- how to use the online eligibility checker or even checking on your behalf

Under the rules of the scheme, not every self-employed person will be able to claim, so we'd like to help you understand this. You must complete the claim yourself but we can guide and support you through it.

See the HMRC updated guidance on GOV.UK for information on eligibility, how they will make a claim and how we calculate the grants.

### Those who are ineligible

This is a very challenging time and some of you will be disappointed if you are not eligible. We would like to help you understand why and help you to find alternative support.

You may be able to:

- delay VAT payments
- delay your Self Assessment payment on account
- arrange to pay your Self Assessment tax bill in instalments
- get a payment from the Small Business Grant Fund
- get a loan from the Business Interruption Loan Scheme or Bounce Back Loan
- get Universal Credit
- apply for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- apply for Child Benefit.

HMRC have worked hard to ensure they've identified the right people who are eligible, but of course you will be able to ask for a review, or we can ask for a review on your behalf. If you or Blue Peak ask for a review, HMRC will look at your case from 18 May and explain your eligibility by the end of May.

### Scams

HMRC are aware of an increase in scam emails, calls and texts. Eligible customers will be invited to claim through GOV.UK - it is the only service you can use. If someone gets in touch claiming to be from HMRC, saying that financial help can be claimed or that a tax refund is owed, and asks you to click on a link or to give information such as your name, credit card or bank details, you should not respond. It is a scam.

Suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC should be reported to HMRC by sending them to [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk). Texts should be sent to 60599.