

BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 09-04-2020

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST CHANGES ON THE BUSINESS FRONT. There's some free advice, alterations to international trade rules, and the Government Job Retention money should come this month.

OFFER OF FREE BUSINESS ADVICE The New Anglia Enterprise Partnership is offering free advice and "Don't Panic" discussions! The organisation is supported by government funding and it operates across the Eastern Region. Jason Middleton, programmes manager at New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, urges businesses impacted by COVID-19 to contact New Anglia Growth Hub for advice and support.

See what he has to say to you here: [New Anglia Growth Hub Biz Help](#)

UPDATE ON NORFOLK CHAMBERS INTERNATIONAL TRADE SERVICES .. NCC have made important changes to their International Trade Services because of COVID-19. Amongst them are changes to electronic signatures on EUR1s which you should know about if you are dealing with imports and exports. The Chambers are also offering Force Majeure Certificates if your business is facing difficulties in the movement of goods due to Coronavirus. There's other useful update info on exports here: [Norfolk Chambers International Trade latest](#)

JOB RETENTION SCHEME OPENS SOON; HMRC has announced that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) for furloughed workers is due to open on 20th April 2020 for applications. It was first publicised on 20th March 2020 and is due to back date payments to 1st March. the funding will be available for a three month period. Thousands of local companies have had to furlough staff for weeks already, although the system has not yet opened for applications. HMRC told the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee that they were convinced they could handle the anticipated surge in applications and they believe the scheme will make `payments later this month, before the 30th April 2020. The details are all here: [Government Job Retention Scheme](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

[Breckland's "Regeneration Unit"](#) is handling the Covid-19 business matters.

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-guidance>
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