

COVID19 - Country Updates - United Kingdom

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The government will bring forward legislation to allow small- and medium-sized businesses, and employers, to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for sickness absence due to COVID-19. The eligibility criteria for the scheme will be as follows:

- The refund will cover up to 2 weeks' SSP per eligible employee who has been off work because of COVID-19.
- Employers with fewer than 250 employees will be eligible - the size of an employer will be determined by the number of people they employed as of 28 February 2020.
- Employers will be able to reclaim expenditure for any employee who has claimed SSP (according to the new eligibility criteria) as a result of COVID-19.
- Employers should maintain records of staff absences and payments of SSP, but employees will not need to provide a GP fit note. If evidence is required by an employer, those with symptoms of coronavirus can get an isolation note from NHS 111 online; those who live with someone that has symptoms can get a note from the NHS website.
- The eligible period for the scheme will commence the day after the regulations on the extension of SSP to those staying at home come into force.
- The government will work with employers over the coming months to set up the repayment mechanism for employers as soon as possible.

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Supportive Services to Suit Your Business

Mauve Group's solutions help you to adapt to a changing global environment and position your business securely. Our service packages can be engaged in the short- or long-term for your global employees or overseas entities.

1 Employee Mobility – If you have employees who want to return to a home country for health or safety reasons, we can help by facilitating their employment in that location and advise of any in-country liabilities that might arise for your organisation. When movement is limited globally, we can review immigration requirements and provide much needed travel advice through our Global Visa and Immigration services.

2 Payroll, Tax and Risk Assessments – Our teams in Payroll and Compliance can assess fiscal impacts, liabilities or risks that may arise from adapting your in-country business to new conditions, such as risk of permanent establishment. For relocating staff, we can carry out payroll calculations as well as salary and benefit benchmarking. We can provide advice on new governmental economic measures available to your business or workers, and any benefits or incentives due to home-based employees.

3 In-country Operational Cost Review – Our local experts can review the operational costs of your international business, make suggestions to reduce in-country expenditure and implement them as needed.

4 Remote Working Solutions – We can help to facilitate employees to work remotely on a long or short-term basis. If they are unable to travel or need to work from a different location to the office, our Global Payroll or Employer of Record solutions can make this possible. Our teams can consult on HR compliancy in-country, ensuring your contracts and HR procedures adhere to labour law through our HR Risk Assessments and Employment Factsheets.

5 Remote Entity Management – Need help with the logistics of managing your overseas entity from afar? We can offer in-country representation on your behalf, granting you access to our on-the-ground staff and expert partners. Should you need to open or close an entity due to changing business needs or accessibility issues, we have the network to facilitate this.

6 Employee Wellbeing – To preserve peace-of-mind for international and remote workforces, we can offer local insurance covers, access to in-country points-of-contact, local education and training, and worker protection and evacuation services through our partnership with an international security firm.

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