

Participant Criteria

Owner/managed micro retailers are:

Micro businesses as defined by Companies House:

- a turnover of £632,000 or less
- 10 employees or less

And

- Have at least one physical shop front liable for business rates*
- Have closed the shop front(s)

Owner/managers defined as:

- Company director/shareholders listed at Companies House at 1/4/20
- Maximum of 2 owner/managers per company
- Drawings for last year as per self-assessment forms for 12 month period ending 5/4/20 excluding any pension contributions
(Requirement for 2019/20 self-assessment forms to detail dividends derived from owner/manager business, differentiated from any other dividend earnings)
- Applies to the period earliest of 1/4/20 or the date when Government stipulated the business category must cease retail outlet opening or where the business took the decision to close the shop front in the interests of public/employee safety* until 31/5/20 initially, pending any extension in line with the Job Retention Scheme.
- Applicants cannot have enrolled in other Government support schemes, JRS/self-employed
- Rebate scheme, claims to be made earliest of one month after Government agreement allows for return to trading retail outlet(s)

*criteria to be validated via sector trade organisation.