

The [Treasury has announced today that:](#)

Chancellor extends furlough scheme to end of June

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme extended by one month to reflect continuing social distancing measures.

As they note:

Following on from yesterday's announcement to keep the social distancing measures in place, Rishi Sunak said the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) would now be open until the end of June — providing businesses with the certainty they need.

The scheme, which allows firms to furlough employees with the government paying cash grants of 80% of their wages up to a maximum of £2,500, was originally open for three months and backdated from the 1 March to the end of May.

I have [not the slightest doubt that this was for the reason I need earlier this week.](#)

We now have another month before the critical time for decision making on redundancies arrives.