

Christmas Support Payment for Wet Led Pubs

A grant of £1,000 is available to 'Wet-Led-Pubs' which satisfy the following conditions.

1. This grant is only open to wet-led pubs, which are defined as pubs that derive **less than 50% of its income from sales of food.**
2. For the purposes of this grant, a pub should under normal circumstances (without local or national restrictions) be described as:
 - a. open to the general public,
 - b. allow free entry other than when occasional entertainment is provided,
 - c. allow drinking without requiring food to be consumed and
 - d. permit drinks to be purchased at a bar.
3. Only the business that according to the Council's records was **the ratepayer in respect of the property on 1 December** is eligible to receive the grant. If the Council retrospectively identifies that the applicant was not the ratepayer on the 1 December having paid the grant, the applicant will be required to pay the grant back to the Council.
4. Only wet-led pubs with a registered address in the area and paying business rates to the Council will be eligible for this scheme.
5. The national qualifying conditions require the pub to have been trading on 30 November 2020. As this date fell within the second national lockdown period the business will need to have been actively trading from the premises on the 4 November 2020.
6. Businesses that are in receipt of other Local Restriction Support Grants are eligible for this grant payment.

Exclusions to the Christmas Support Payment

- Pubs that derive over 50% of their income from food sales will not be eligible to receive funding through this grant scheme.
- For the purposes of this grant, the definition of a pub excludes:
 - restaurants,
 - cafes,
 - nightclubs,
 - hotels,
 - snack bars,

- guesthouses,
- boarding houses,
- sporting venues,
- music venues,
- festival sites,
- theatres,
- museums,
- exhibition halls,
- cinemas,
- concert halls and
- casinos.

The proposed exclusions in this list are not intended to be exhaustive and the Council will determine those cases where eligibility is unclear having received evidence from any individual business.

- Businesses which have already received grant payments that equal the maximum levels of State aid permitted under the de minimis and the Covid-19 Temporary State Aid Framework.
- For the avoidance of doubt, businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made, are not eligible for funding under this scheme.

Evidence

Wet-led pubs applying for the Christmas Support Payment will be required to make a statement that confirms their eligibility. The council places responsibility on the applicant to agree that their statement is correct to the best of their knowledge.

The Council may require an applicant to provide evidence, such as accounting information in support of a claim.

State Aid

Payments of grant can be made under the existing De Minimis rules, provided doing so does not exceed the €200,000 threshold to any one organisation over a three-year fiscal period.

Payments made where the De Minimis threshold has been reached are made under the Covid-19 Temporary Framework for UK Authorities (threshold €800,000). This can be combined with the de minimis aid (to bring the aid per company to up to €1 million).

If receipt of the grant would cause you to exceed these limits, you are not entitled to receive them and should notify the Council accordingly.

Data Sharing.

The Council is required to take reasonable actions to ensure that grants are not claimed fraudulently and we are required to provide the Government with details of all grants paid. Your application data will be used for the purpose of fraud prevention and reporting of statistics. The government may contact individual claimants regarding their claims.