

26th June 2020

# Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

## COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

### Introduction

CECA Scotland will be producing regular updates to keep member companies updated on new developments relating to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Scottish civils sector. This briefing will be delivered daily and posted on our website. If you would like further information or to share your experiences about how COVID-19 is impacting on your business, contact our Chief Executive, Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or [grahame@cecascotland.co.uk](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk).

### First Ministers Speech, 26<sup>th</sup> June

In today's [Daily Briefing](#), the First Minister focused on the reopening of all retail premises with outdoors entrances from Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. Guidance was due to be published today for consumers setting out the basic rules that all of us need to follow, in order to keep safe ourselves and to help keep others safe too. The guidance is clear that there are some people who should not be going into shops at all for now - for example, those who have COVID-19 symptoms and are self-isolating, and those who are in the shielding group.

### New Online DYW E-Portal for Summer School Leavers

Developing the Young Workforce have launched a new online portal E-DYW, aimed at supporting young people leaving school this summer to take their next steps in life. The One-Stop-Shop for young people, educators, employers, parents/carers, can be accessed [here](#) and includes multiple resources from private and public sector bodies to provide support to young people leaving school.

A series of sessions have also been created to support both young people, parents and carers delivered through Scotland's Biggest Parents Events and the DYW Skills Academy. The first Scotland's Biggest Parents Events (SBPE) will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July; more details [here](#). The DYW Skills Academy: Get Industry Ready - will be delivered over July and August is a series of activities and virtual experiences with industry to support young people to build capacity to enter the labour market. Find out more [here](#).

### Public Procurement Blog: CPN 2/2020 duration extended: CPN 6/2020

The latest [Public Procurement Blog](#), published 25<sup>th</sup> June, highlights the new [Construction Policy Note \(CPN\) 6/2020](#). This policy note advises that the guidance in [CPN 2/2020](#) has been extended. The guidance remains applicable after 30 June and will expire after 30 September.

### Sustainable Procurement Duty Tools

A [recently launched](#) new single platform for the Flexible Framework, Prioritisation Tool and Sustainability Test has resulted in over 60 registrations to date from across the public sector in Scotland. The single

## CECA Scotland Briefing: COVID-19 Update

platform, which provides easier access to the tools and guidance, was developed using one of the Scottish Governments [national frameworks](#) resulting in a contract award to a Scottish SME. The sustainable procurement tools can be accessed [here](#) along with supporting guidance. Any feedback can be e-mailed to [scottishprocurement@gov.scot](mailto:scottishprocurement@gov.scot)

### Scottish Parliament Information Centre COVID-19 Phase 2 Briefing

As we enter phase 2 of our journey from lockdown, the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) have produced a helpful briefing on the changes which you can read [here](#)

### Scottish Parliament Recess

The Scottish Parliament will be in recess from 27 June to 9 August inclusive. However, it is expected to meet weekly each Thursday throughout the summer period. These will be virtual meetings, other than on 9 and 30 July, when there will be hybrid meetings, with MSPs in the Chamber or participating remotely.

### Vehicles guidance update

The vehicles guidance has been updated to include details on amending the 2m social distancing rule and details on support bubbles. Please note that while the devolved administrations in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have inputted into this BEIS UK guidance, as public health is devolved, it should be considered alongside [Scottish Government guidance on social distancing](#). Read the updated guidance [here](#).

### Pay Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants back if you have over-claimed

Find out how to pay all or some of your grant back if you've overclaimed through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Find out more [here](#). You can:

- [correct it in your next claim](#)
- make a payment to HMRC (only if you're not making another claim)
- You'll need your 14- or 15-digit payment reference number that begins with X

### Applying for a moratorium under the Corporate Insolvency & Governance Act 2020

How to apply for breathing space to consider a rescue plan for your company, under measures to support companies and other types of business in financial difficulty. The directors must file for or apply to court for a moratorium. It will give the company 20 business days to consider rescue options. Find out more [here](#).

You can access the Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 Construction Sector guidance [here](#).

Access Phase 2: business and physical distancing guidance [here](#).

Read Returning to Work Safely guidance [here](#)

For more information please contact Grahame Barn on [grahame@cecascotland.co.uk](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk)

Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland, Enterprise House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling, FK7 7UF.  
[www.cecascotland.co.uk](http://www.cecascotland.co.uk) @ceca\_scotland