



## FAQs: Sole Trader Cash Grants

### Introduction

This document provides answers to common questions on the sole trader business grants being rolled out to support businesses under the Government's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, Phase II. Detailed information on the Government's business response can be found in the *ERP Phase II: Sole Trader Business Grant* available for download on the MFEM website at: <http://www.mfem.gov.ck/economic-planning/erp-phase-ii>

### Cash Grant

#### When can I apply for the sole trader cash grant?

Applications open on 6 July 2020.

#### How much will I receive?

Eligible sole traders will receive a \$3,000 cash grant.

#### What should I do with my cash grant?

Cash grants are intended to provide an immediate cash injection to all eligible sole traders that are affected by the pandemic, to better enable them to keep operating during the crisis and improve their chances of returning to normal operations afterwards.



#### Are there any restrictions on how I use my cash grant?

Cash grants are intended to provide support to eligible sole traders that are affected by the pandemic, as such the grant should be used to support the operations of the business, or to supplement lost income.

### Are individuals eligible for the cash grant?

No. Cash grants are only available to registered sole traders that are affected by COVID-19.

### Is the cash grant exempt from tax?

Yes. The cash grants do not form part of a businesses' taxable activity.

### When will the cash grant payments be made?

Payments to eligible businesses that have met eligibility requirements will begin during the week of 6 July 2020.

### I am self-employed and have not previously been registered with RMD, how do I apply?

Only those sole traders that received support under Phase I of the Economic Response Plan are eligible for the \$3,000 grant.

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