



UK Government Grants for Self-Employed – 2nd Wave

Our interpretation of guidance regarding the grants is below. Always check the information given on the UK government website – link below.

The UK government recently announced a second wave of Self-Employed Income Support grants, which are also available for people in business partnerships. The second grant is available for those who experience a loss of earnings from 14th July 2020 and applications will begin in August. This is the final such grant the government are providing. You can apply for this 2nd grant regardless of whether you applied for the first one or not.

As with the first grant there are certain eligibility criteria, including that you must have traded in the tax years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and have submitted your tax returns on time. It is not available to those whose earnings exceed £50,000. Note that the government stress this grant is only available to people whose businesses continue to be adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis from mid-July.

If you have not yet applied for a first grant, and you meet the eligibility criteria, then it is still not too late - the deadline for applications is 13/07/20.

More information here

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme#check>

Garden Relaxation

Now for something a little different! Botanical Gardens are either still closed or are operating with restrictions. So, we have put together a small collection of virtual garden tours offered by some of the UK's botanical and physic gardens for you to enjoy this weekend.

Chelsea Physic Garden

Tucked away in the heart of the capital sits London's oldest botanical gardens, The Chelsea Physic Garden, home to a living collection of around 5,000 different edible, useful and medicinal plants. They are currently allowing visitors on pre-booked tickets only, but you can enjoy their digital garden at any time.

<https://www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/digital-garden>

Dilston Physic Garden

One of a small handful of physic gardens in the UK, located in Corbridge, Northumberland. Like all true physic gardens, every plant grown there is used (or has been used) for medical or general health purposes. They are currently open twice a week (with social distancing

measures), but you can enjoy a relaxing 2-minute filmed tour of the garden from the comfort of your own home.

<https://dilstonphysicgarden.com>

Kew Gardens

Your kids' school trips might have been cancelled, but the world-famous botanical gardens at Kew in South West London have developed a free range of home learning resources for children, available from their website.

<https://www.kew.org/learning/learning-at-home>

National Botanical Garden of Wales

Located in Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire. The garden is currently closed to visitor due to the pandemic, however there is a wealth of resources on their website, including blogs and free courses, perfect for budding gardeners.

<https://botanicgarden.wales/blog/science/>

<https://botanicgarden.wales/science/growing-the-future/virtual-courses/>

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Re-opening on 1st July this world leading botanical garden is celebrates its 350th birthday this year. If you cannot visit in person you can enjoy virtual tours of this beautiful garden, and those of its three regional gardens.

<https://www.rbge.org.uk/visit/virtual-summer/>

If this selection is not enough for you then the Gardens Illustrated website lists eleven virtual garden tours. Enjoy!

<https://www.gardenillustrated.com/gardens/gardens-to-visit/virtual-garden-tours-best/>

Keep safe and well,

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