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Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) to be extended until the end of October

Chancellor Rishi Sunak has this afternoon announced that the CJRS will be extended until the end of October. First launched in March, the CJRS was due to close at the end of June.

The government will continue to refund employers 80% of qualifying wages up to a maximum of £2,500 per month until the end of July. However, from August, there will be greater flexibility for firms to support the transition back to the workplace by allowing furloughed employees to return to work part-time.

The Chancellor also said that from August, employers will be expected to start “sharing” the cost of the salaries of furloughed employees. Specific details and information are expected to be made available by the end of the month.

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