

# Notice to Suppliers



## COVID-19 UK Government Business Support Mechanisms

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### Scope/Applicability:

All UK Rolls-Royce plc suppliers.

### Dear Supplier,

Following the COVID19 outbreak the UK Government has brought forward a number of support measures. Full details of these can now be accessed on a dedicated GOV.UK website.

<https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/>

Following on from previous NTS's (NTS 495/499/501/503), the UK Government has published several updates and clarification to guidance and support this week. Key elements are listed below, but we suggest you refer to the UK Government link above to ensure you are aware of all the measures that have been introduced.

### Guidance on Provision of Apprenticeships during COVID-19

Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessment organisations has been updated by the UK Government, with information on which apprentices should be prioritised in the offer of face-to-face training from 15 June, and details of the flexibility that enables apprentices to take end-point assessment ahead of receiving their calculated functional skills qualification results. The full guidance can be accessed at [this link](#).

### Sectoral Guidance from Trade Associations

The UK Government has published a list of associated sectoral guidance compiled together with trade associations representing key UK industrial sectors. For the Aerospace, Defence & Security sector directly this advice is provided by ADS. If you are represented through an alternative sectoral trade body, or through ADS, you can find a complete list of Government-approved guidance from trade bodies at [this link](#).

### UK Government update on Trade Credit Insurance

The UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has confirmed that the Trade Credit Insurance sector, which provides essential cover to hundreds of thousands of business-to-business transactions, will receive up to £10 billion of government guarantees to ensure the continued functioning of support for business during COVID-19.

The guarantees will support supply chains and help businesses during the coronavirus pandemic to trade with confidence, safe in the knowledge that they will be protected if a customer defaults or delays on payment. Supply chain partners do not need to apply directly; your insurance coverage will be underwritten externally via this mechanism, which is intended to bring additional security to the overall market.

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