**Further guidance for deferring your self-assessment 2nd payment on account in July 2020**

If you’re due to pay a self-assessment payment on account by 31 July 2020 but the impact of the coronavirus causes you difficulty in making payment by that date, then you may defer payment until January 2021. This arrangement not only applies to the self employed but anyone who is due to make a second payment on account in July 2020.

**Eligibility**

You are eligible if you are due to pay your second self-assessment payment on account on 31 July. You do not need to be self-employed to be eligible for the deferment.

The deferment is optional. If you are still able to pay your second payment on account on 31 July you should do so.

**How to access the scheme**

This is an automatic offer with no applications required. No penalties or interest for late payment will be charged if you defer payment until 31 January 2021.

During the deferral period you can set up a budget payment plan to help you pay the deferred payment on account when it comes due (see below for further details).

If you’re in temporary financial distress because of COVID-19 more help is available from HMRC’s Time to Pay scheme (also see below for further details)

**Pay in instalments: The budget payment plan**

If you’ve already filed your Self Assessment tax return, you might be able to pay the bill in instalments.

What you need to do depends on whether you want to:

* make payments against your latest bill
* make advance payments against your next bill

**If you cannot afford to pay your latest bill in full**

You can set up a payment plan to spread the cost of your latest Self Assessment bill if you:

* owe less than £10,000
* do not have any other payment plans or debts with HMRC

You can choose how much to pay straight away and how much you want to pay each month. You’ll have to pay interest.

If you don’t keep up with your repayments, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) can ask you to pay everything you owe.

There are 2 ways you can set up a payment plan:

* [set up a payment plan online](https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/pay-what-you-owe-in-instalments/arrangement/determine-eligibility)
* [call the Payment Support Service](https://www.gov.uk/difficulties-paying-hmrc)

We at BTMR can assist you with either of these options.

**Support for businesses paying tax: Time to Pay Scheme**

All businesses and self-employed people in financial distress, and with outstanding tax liabilities, may be eligible to receive support with their tax affairs through HMRC’s Time To Pay service.

These arrangements are agreed on a case-by-case basis and are tailored to individual circumstances and liabilities.

**Eligibility**

You are eligible if your business:

* pays tax to the UK government
* has outstanding tax liabilities

**How to access the scheme**

If you have missed a tax payment or you might miss your next payment due to COVID-19, please call HMRC’s dedicated helpline: 0800 024 1222.

If you’re worried about a future payment, please call HMRC nearer the time.