

# Acas responds to the Chancellor's announcement to extend the furlough scheme

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Today the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, announced that the [UK will extend the furlough scheme by 4 months](#) until the end of October.

Acas Chief Executive, Susan Clews, said:

"We welcome the Chancellor's announcement to extend the furlough scheme until the end of October.

"The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme helps employers to retain their staff by covering wage costs during an exceptional crisis period where businesses' incomes have been adversely impacted due to coronavirus. This extension will give a confidence boost to many businesses and staff who were nervous about their future after June."

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