

Taxi / Hackney Business Support Brief

- Taxi / Hackney businesses were eligible to apply for support under the South Ribble Additional Restrictions Grants (ARG), which included home based businesses as well as those occupying commercial premises. The operational base had to be in South Ribble and they needed to be able to show loss of business income (the ARG cannot be used as a wage supplement).
- Taxi / Hackney drivers would also be eligible to apply for the Self Employed Income Support Scheme (SEISS) provided they were self-employed or a member of a partnership, traded in the tax year 2019-20 and 2020-21, didn't trade through a limited company, had submitted a text return before 2nd March 2021 and had trading profits of no more than £50,000. HMRC would have contacted anyone eligible based on tax returns.
- Taxi / Hackney drivers are currently able to apply for the ARG3 scheme under the hardship category (or the start-up category if they were starting a new business) – provided they meet the criteria. ARG cannot be used to fund wages, however, it could be used to fund licenses, insurance and vehicle running costs for example.

Under the ARG3 grant, a business may be eligible if it fulfils the below criteria:

- These grants are open to businesses based and operating in South Ribble.
- Businesses can only apply in one category.
- To ensure as many people as possible can be assisted, only one application is permitted per business/applicant/premises.
- Business must have been active and trading as usual on the 1st September 2021.
- The grant must not be used as a wage supplement
- Businesses that are dormant, in liquidation, dissolved, or subject to a striking-off notice are not eligible.
- **Applications will be processed after the 31st October closing date and will be processed on a first come, first served basis.**

ARG3 Grant Amounts

Start-up Business (within 2021)	Home based £1,000; Rateable Value up to £15,000, £2,500; Rateable Value over £15,001, £5,000
Hardship due to economic circumstances	Home based, £2,000; Rateable Value less than £15,000, £4,000; Rateable Value over £15,001 £6,000

Start-up: This category is to assist new businesses, which started within 2021 or are starting-up to help them with initial start-up costs and to create a job opportunity. ARG cannot be used to fund wages or personal income for the person starting the business but it can be used to support start-up business costs such as rent, utilities and insurance etc. Business must be the sole business of the applicant, be registered and operating within South Ribble and have

started since 1st January 2021. For self-employed business applicants, it must be their only employment.

Hardship: This category is to assist businesses, which are impacted by the current economic circumstances. The Business must be able to demonstrate a significant loss of income during the qualifying period (July to September 2021) compared with the equivalent period in 2020 or 2019.

Please email any enquiries to: businessgrants@southribble.gov.uk

For Information

ARG1 Scheme Grant Amounts were:

	17 Oct - 4 Nov		5 Nov - 1 Dec		2 Dec - 29 Dec		30 Dec - 15 Feb	
	Tier 3		National		Tier 3		Tier 4/National	
Fixed property rent and business rates cost per month	Open (P)	Closed (F)	Open (P)	Closed (F)	Open (P)	Closed (F)	Open (P)	Closed (F)
£0	423	604	623	890	623	890	1,068	1,526
£1 - £1,500	634	905	934	1,334	934	1,334	1,601	2,287
£1,501 - £3,000	950	1,357	1,400	2,000	1,400	2,000	2,400	3,429
£3,001 - Over	1,425	2,036	2,100	3,000	2,100	3,000	3,600	5,143