



To ALL BA Members

5th May 2020

Dear BA Member,

Re: Coronavirus

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Please find attached and below a number of updates covering the Job Retention Scheme, the launch of the Hospitality Insurance Group Action (HIGA), plus a copy of a letter sent by Miles Baron on behalf of the Bingo Association to Rt. Hon Alok Sharma MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, setting out some of the specific issues that apply to the Licenced Bingo Industry on the easing of the lockdown, as follows;

Job Retention Scheme Update – Taylor Walton LLP

Full details are set out in the attached document. In summary, the following changes are set out in the updated Government guidance and new regulations:

1. Clarification that eligibility for and entitlement to statutory maternity pay (and similar family leave payments) will be calculated by reference to the normal earnings of the employee rather than any reduced rate paid during a period of Furlough Leave;
2. Clearer information is available in relation to the circumstances where an employer is able to re-engage an employee that has previously been dismissed in order to place them on Furlough Leave;
3. The position in relation to fixed term employees has been clarified; and
4. Additional information has been included in relation to acting as an employee representative during Furlough Leave.

In addition to the above matters, we have updated our document to include new guidance on other frequently asked questions including notice rights and redundancy consultation during Furlough Leave.

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We hope that our guidance is helpful but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or require any further assistance.

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Letter to Rt. Hon Alok Sharma MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the easing of the lockdown – (a separate document in the Coronavirus section of the website)

Hospitality Insurance Group Action (HIGA): www.HIGAction.com – Mishcon de Reya LLP

Please note that the Hospitality Insurance Group Action (HIGA) website: www.HIGAction.com has recently been launched. The site enables hospitality sector policyholders (i.e. those who were required to close on 20 March, including casinos, bingo halls and betting shops) to register their details if they would like Mishcon to conduct a review of their business interruption policies. The review will be free of charge. Mishcon will then ascertain if the policyholder has coverage in principle to assess the viability of a group action against insurers in light of the number who have denied coverage for business interruption losses.

There is no closing date as yet however Members are strongly advised to register their interest as soon as possible by contacting;

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Many thanks

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