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# Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

## COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

### Introduction

CECA Scotland will be producing regular updates to keep member companies updated on new developments relating to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Scottish civils sector. This briefing will be delivered daily and posted on our website. If you would like further information or to share your experiences about how COVID-19 is impacting on your business, contact our Chief Executive, Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or [grahame@cecascotland.co.uk](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk).

### Updated CLC Site Operating Procedures

The Construction Leadership Councils (CLC) Site Operating Procedures have been updated to reflect the latest UK Government guidance following the easing of lockdown measures in England from Saturday 4 July. The 'one metre plus' social distancing guidelines require workers to stay two metres apart, or one metre with risk mitigation where two metres is not viable. It is expected that sites will maintain the social distancing measures in place.

Whilst the CLC Site Operating Procedures (SOP) are only applicable to England & Wales please find a link [here](#) to the updated SOP - Version 5 for your information. The wording used in the SOP in relation to 'one metre plus' is from the UK Government [Construction and other outdoor work](#) guidance.

Site operations in Scotland are still governed by the [Construction Scotland SOP](#) and are unaltered by the publication of this updated CLC SOP.

### Flexible Furlough Starts Today

Businesses will have the flexibility to bring furloughed employees back to work part time from today (1 July) as part of the UK Government's plan to re-open the UK and kick-start our economy. Employers now have the flexibility to decide the hours and shift patterns of their employees - with the government continuing to pay 80% of salaries for the hours they do not work. Read more [here](#)

### CECA Scotland FREE Workshops NEC4 Overview

**CHOICE OF DATES: Wednesday 22nd July, Tuesday 28th July or Thursday 30th July - 0900-1600**

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CECA Scotland are offering free NEC4 workshops to **CECA members** later this month, delivered by Glenn Hide of [GMH Planning](#), online via Microsoft Teams. These one-day workshops will introduce delegates to the common philosophies of the NEC family of contracts and will focus in detail upon the key mechanics and provisions of the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC).

Further information and booking details can be found [here](#).

### COVID-19 Keeping Children Safe Online

Most children are spending a lot longer online than usual right now and new guidance published this week for parents and carers, aims to help keep them safe. Read it [here](#).

### New HSE Musculoskeletal Disorders Online Assessment Tool

The HSE have launched a new [musculoskeletal disorders \(MSD\) tool](#) to simplify the process of completing assessments. Employers and safety representatives can use the tool to assess the risks posed by lifting, carrying and team manual handling activities. The assessor can then understand, interpret and categorise the level of risk, and implement the appropriate control measures.

In addition, the automated management reports include:

- Tracking of assessments that have been completed
- Identification of priority areas and tasks for improvement
- Supports Identification of common themes across multiple departments/sites/locations

You can register for a live webinar to see the tool in action:

[Tuesday 7th July at 3pm - sign up here](#)

[Wednesday 22nd July at 10am - sign up here](#)

You can access the Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 Construction Sector guidance [here](#).

Access Phase 2: business and physical distancing guidance [here](#).

Read Returning to Work Safely guidance [here](#)

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