



SECTOR UPDATE 19-20-2020

Fire/Circuit Break announcement

The First Minister of Wales has today confirmed that an all-Wales 2 week 'fire/circuit break' period to reduce the spread of coronavirus, will be implemented from 1800 Friday 23rd October and will end on Monday 9th November.

Welsh Government have published FAQ's on today's announcement <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions#section-53253>.

The overriding message is that filming can continue in Wales providing related activity cannot be undertaken from home, and there is full compliance with Welsh law. As with the recent local lockdowns we suggest companies consider supplying letters to workers as evidence of this.

Welsh Government guidance on the coronavirus should continue to be followed. This includes a legal obligation and [guidance on taking all reasonable measures to maintain physical distancing](#) in the workplace, and compliance with relevant industry guidelines for physical production. The Welsh Government Creative Industries guidance can be found here: <https://gov.wales/creative-industries-guidance-phased-return>

The importance of creating a secure Covid-19 work environment by following specific risk assessments continues to be the highest priority as is the importance of communication as public perception will need to be managed carefully and respectfully during the 'fire/circuit break'.

It would be appreciated that a film crew of more than 6 in total is noted to S4C by emailing: obcovid@s4c.cymru – the following info is required:

Production Name;

Location;

Date & time;

Responsible person and contact number on location;

Production company contact and email address;

This info will be shared internally within S4C and will aid any queries / concerns we may receive.

Where filming may require overnight accommodation, please be aware that hotels are generally required to close during this period. We are currently awaiting clarification on this in the context of production industry needs.

Many thanks for all your efforts, we will continue to use the website Covid-19 S4C (see [LINK](#)) to make available important and updated information about the Covid-19 situation and we welcome the ability to share good practice – which should be sent to: corona@s4c.cymru – which includes the latest version of the TV Production Guide.

Film & TV Production Restart Scheme

You may have also seen the recent announcement from the UK Government that following the receipt of State Aid approval from the European Commission, the scheme has now formally commenced.

The Scheme Rules and supplementary Explanatory Notes, as published by DCMS and HM Treasury, can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/film-tv-production-restart-scheme>

Applications must be made via the appointed Third Party Administrator, Marsh Commercial, and the application form can be viewed and submitted through [this link](#). As per the initial announcement, future claims made under the Scheme can be backdated to 28 July 2020.

Following lobbying from the sector, the registration deadline for this scheme has been extended until 23:59 GMT on 28 February 2021, and claims will be able to be submitted up to 23:59 GMT 30 November 2021 for losses incurred up until 23:59 GMT on 30 June 2021.

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