

Coronavirus: if your company cannot file accounts with Companies House on time



All companies must send their accounts, reports and confirmation statements to Companies House every year. If a company's accounts are filed late, the law imposes an automatic penalty.

Your company should take appropriate measures to ensure accounts are filed on time. You should also [file your accounts online](#) if you're able to.

If, immediately before the filing deadline, it becomes apparent that accounts will not be filed on time due to your company being affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19), you may make an application to extend the period allowed for filing.

Late filing penalties

If you do not apply for an extension and your accounts have been filed late, an automatic penalty will be imposed. The registrar has very limited discretion not to collect a penalty.

Each appeal is treated on a case-by-case basis, and we already have policies in place to deal with appeals based upon unforeseen poor health. Appeals based upon COVID-19 will be considered under these policies.

More information

[Guidance: Filing your company's accounts](#)

[Guidance: Online filing and email reminders for companies](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): UK government response](#)

[COVID-19: guidance for employers and businesses](#)

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