

[Time is right to start rebuilding the tourism industry, says Dodds](#)

Northern Ireland's tourism and hospitality sectors have a vital role to play in our economic recovery following the COVID-19 crisis.

[Minister publishes information on impact of COVID-19 on Universal Credit Claims](#)

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey today published a range of Management Information highlighting the impact the Covid-19 crisis has had on the number of claims to Universal Credit.

[Dodds announces two skills initiatives in response to the pandemic](#)

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced a free skills programme for small businesses and a free post-graduate certificate in software development for people whose career has been impacted by Covid-19.

[Mallon announces automatic one year MOT exemption](#)

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has announced that a one year MOT temporary exemption certificate (TEC) will be processed automatically from Monday 11 May.

Dodds announces £40 million secured for microbusiness Hardship Fund

Economy Minister Diane Dodds has announced that £40 million is to be made available for a new Hardship Fund aimed at microbusinesses which have not been able to avail of the existing support schemes and which require financial support due to the impact of COVID-19.