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Will we ever have any certainty?

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Just when we thought it was safe to settle into a new job saving scheme (albeit one with no Treasury guidance with 8 days to go!), Rishi Sunak has made another announcement.

The Job Support Scheme, which will be open to businesses adversely affected by the current crisis, will no longer require employees to work 33% of their hours and, instead, will have a minimum of 20% of usual hours worked, so, essentially, one day a week for a usual full time employee.

In addition, the employer will now only have to pay for 5% of hours not worked with the Government funding 62% of wages for hours not worked. The maximum payment under the scheme has also dramatically increased: more than doubling to £1,541.75 per month.

As always, this is subject to detailed Treasury Directions, but this dramatic extension to the new scheme coming into force on 1 November 2020 will, hopefully, make the Job Support Scheme far more effective than the one which had originally been envisaged.

