



NOTE TO ENERGY ASSESSORS 3RD JUNE 2020

Furlough Arrangements

Dear Assessors

Following a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer last week from a Property Sector Group to which PEPA was a signatory, alongside representations from a number of other sectors and industries, we very much welcomed the changes to the Furlough scheme that were announced by Rishi Sunak on Friday.

To summarise, the flexible working arrangements which were to have been introduced on 1st August have been brought forward by a month, and these have two main impacts. Employers will be able to bring employees out of furlough on a part time basis. For example, the employer could choose to activate an employee for 2 days a week and the Government will continue to pay for the other 3 days of the week (up to 80% of the employee's wages). Also the arrangement can be revised on a weekly rather than 3 weekly basis providing a lot of welcome flexibility for employers.

Please note that to qualify for the revised scheme employees must have been furloughed for at least a three week period prior to the 30th June – please see details on [this link](#)

PEPA has been an influential voice amongst others in lobbying for greater flexibility for employers as we gradually emerge from the effects of the Pandemic. The changes are good for employers of energy assessors as well as their employees, and as many assessors who are self-employed work through company structures this may be of benefit to them as well.

Kind regards

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