

BUDGET 2021: KEY BUSINESS ANNOUNCMENTS

WHATS NEW IN 2021 BUDGET FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

key business related announcements

BUSINESS RATES

- 50% cut to rates for eligible businesses in retail, hospitality and leisure sectors for 2022-2023, up to a cap to £110,000
- Rates multiplier is frozen for 2022-2023.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE (AIA)

- The annual investment allowance will remain at its current level of £1 million until 31 March 2023, instead of ending on 31 December 2021 as planned.
- AIA allows companies to deduct qualifying capital expenses from their profits before tax, previously stood at £200,000 but was raised from 1 January 2019 onwards to encourage investment.

R&D TAX CREDIT CHANGES

- The Chancellor also announced plans to reform **R&D tax reliefs**, by including **data and cloud costs** as qualifying expenditure, as well as refocusing the reliefs on activity in the UK.
- Details on these changes have not yet been released, but the Government says these will form part of its "further tax administration and maintenance announcements" later in the autumn.

RECOVERY LOAN SCHEME

The Recovery Loan Scheme is extended six months until 30 June
2022 for small and medium sized enterprises and from 1 January capped at a finance level of £2m per business with the government guarantee reducing to 70%.

