

### Covid-19

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## Impact on BFBi Gas Accreditation Scheme

The growing concerns surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19) are impacting BFBi's ability to undertake audits for the Gas Accreditation Scheme.

#### What does this mean for the Gas Accreditation Scheme?

On-site audits are temporarily suspended until Coronavirus lockdown is removed.

## What Steps are BFBi Taking?

In recognition that COVID-19 is preventing in-site audits, we are asking industry to support the following temporary measures:

1. Requesting customers of beverage gas cylinders to use their discretion towards suppliers, whose accreditation has expired from mid-March onwards.

This is at the customer's discretion until the situation has stabilised.

2. BFBi has extended the grace period for accreditation renewal to 6 months after the accreditation expires.

This will assist those suppliers struggling to find availability of an auditor.

# **Keep informed**

BFBi will continue to monitor the situation and, where necessary, introduce further proactive measures to limit the impact on CSIM Card applicants and the wider industry.

We appreciate your support during this time and ask that you to continue to visit this webpage for the latest updates from BFBi.

Any enquiries related to this matter should be emailed to cellarservices@bfbi.org.uk.