Covid-19 Critical Worker List

Education and childcare	Local and national government
• nursery and teaching staff • social workers • specialist education professionals	• those delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms-length bodies

Key public services	Food and other necessary goods
• those involved in the running of the justice system • religious staff • charities and workers delivering key frontline services • those responsible for the management of the deceased • journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.	• food production • food processing • food distribution • food sale • food delivery • those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security	Transport
• police and support staff • Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic) • fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) • National Crime Agency staff • those maintaining border security • prison and probation staff • other national security roles, including those overseas	• those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

- those needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage),
- information technology and data infrastructure sector
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.