**EMPLOYMENT CONNECT – COVID – 19 UPDATE**

**SUPPORT FOR JOBSEEKERS**

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

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| **Organisation** | **Contact Name** | **Area** | **Contact Details** | **Website** | **Support** |
| Aberdeenshire Council – Employment Support Team | Employment Support Team | Aberdeenshire wide | Employmentsupportteam@aberdeenshire.gov.uk01467 533058 | [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/EST](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/EST) | Employability support, advice, access to short term funding. 1:1 Support available via phone, email. Skype and Facebook. |
| DWP |  | Aberdeenshire | Universal Credit Helpline – 0800 328 5644 | [www.gov.uk/universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit) | Applications to claim Universal Credit |
| HMRC |  | Aberdeenshire wide |  | <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme> | Self Employment Income Support Scheme |
| Foodbanks | Aberdeenshire North FoodbankCFINE | North Aberdeenshire – Foodbank Centres in Huntly, Inverurie, Ellon and Peterhead. Emergency food boxes can also be held by agencies across the area.Aberdeen | 07967 364600 (Inverurie)07562 914986 (Ellon)07479 954746 (Huntly)07561 750574 (Peterhead)01224 596156 | [www.trusseltrust.org.uk](http://www.trusseltrust.org.uk)info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk[www.cfine.org](http://www.cfine.org) | Emergency Food Parcels |
| CAB’s | Banff & Buchan CABKincardine & Mearns CABSouth West Aberdeenshire CABTurriff & District CAB | Buchan, Fraserburgh, Ellon and surrounding areasKincardine & MearnsSouth West Aberdeenshire – Marr, East Garioch, Lower DeesideNorth West Aberdeenshire | 01779 47151501569 76657801224 74771401888 562495 | bureau@aberdeenshirecab.casonline.org.ukbureau@kamcab.casonline.org.ukenquiries@swacab.org.ukadviser@tuffiffcab.casonline.org.ukUC Help to Claim – 0800 023 2581Money Talk Team – 0800 085 7145 | Financial Health Checks, support with Universal Credit |
| Gordon Rural Action |  | Huntly & Surrounding areas | 01466 793676 | Facebook.com/GordonRuralAction[www.gordonruralaction.org.uk](http://www.gordonruralaction.org.uk)enquiries@gordonrural.org.uk | Food Bank Vouchers and Emergency Packs. Benefit Applications |
| SCARF | Home Energy Advice Team | Aberdeenshire wide | 0808 129 0888 |  | Fuel Debt Concerns |
| Money Advice Scotland |  | Aberdeenshire wide | 0141 572 0237 | info@moneyadvicescotland.org.uk | Independent, impartial and confidential debt advice |
| Shelter Scotland |  | Aberdeenshire wide | 0808 800 4444 | [www.scotland.shelter.org.uk](http://www.scotland.shelter.org.uk) | Housing advice to address and prevent homelessness |
| SMART Project |  | Aberdeenshire wide | 01224 202934 | [www.smart@grampianhousing.co.uk](http://www.smart@grampianhousing.co.uk) | For tenants of Grampian, Castlehill and Langstane Housing Associations who are facing financial difficulties. |
| Social Security Scotland |  | Aberdeenshire wide | 0783 3144458 | [www.socialsecurity.gov.scot](http://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot) | Support clients to identify and apply for devolved benefits |
| Aberdeenshire Council | Scottish Welfare Fund | Aberdeenshire wide | 01467 537400 | [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk) | Financial support to people who are facing a crisis or need help to live in the community |
| Skills Development Scotland |  | Aberdeenshire wide | Aberdeen – 01224 285200Peterhead – 01779 479345Inverurie – 01467 623623 | www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk | Careers Service. |
| Partnership Action for Continuous Employment (PACE) |  | Aberdeenshire wide | 01779 479345 | <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/employability-skills/partnership-action-for-continuing-employment-pace/> | Redundancy Support for Employers and Employees |
| Aberdeenshire Council | Aberdeenshire Advice & Support Team | Aberdeenshire wide | 0345 608 1200 | asat@aberdeenshire.gov.uk<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/contact-us/> | Advice and Support on Council Benefits |
| Aberdeenshire Council | Housing | Aberdeenshire wide | 0345 608 1203 | https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/housing/ | Advice and support for Aberdeenshire Council Tenants |