Companies House - extension for filing accounts

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Registered companies will be able to apply to Companies House for a 3-month extension for filing their accounts to help them deal with the impact of Covid-19

Companies House has issued guidance on how to [apply for more time to file your company's accounts](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-more-time-to-file-your-companys-accounts).

The guidance states that if your accounts will be late because your company is affected by COVID-19, and your filing deadline has not yet passed, you can apply for an automatic and immediate 3 month extension to file your accounts. If you do not apply for an extension an automatic penalty will be imposed if your accounts are filed late.

[Apply for an extension](http://ttps/beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/extensions?_ga=2.211492304.417737334.1585746122-1665135804.1584705955)

Please note that companies which have extended their filing deadline may not be eligible for an extension. Those that have shortened their accounting reference period may not be eligible either.