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Today, we extended the business grant scheme to those in the self-catering sector.

There are many self-catering properties in the Highlands and Islands and they will be eligible to apply for £10,000 and £25,000 grants based on

☐ rateable value of up to roughly £18k for £10k grant and between £18k and £51k for the £25k grant

☐ renting out their property for at least 140 days p.a.

 $\Box$  this being their primary earnings

I know that many crofters, farmers and fishermen also diversify into self-catering so there will need to be some discretion applied to the definition of 'primary earnings' because I want those who need support to get support.

It might take a short while for the application form to be live as Councils work at different speeds to upload the new form.

More info here: <a href="https://www.mygov.scot/non-domestic-rates-coronavirus/">https://www.mygov.scot/non-domestic-rates-coronavirus/</a>