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The CLC published **Version 3 of the Site Operating Procedures.**

Key changes in Version 3 include:

- Confirmation that the HSE is the enforcing authority for PHE guidelines
- Sites need to monitor the implementation of the procedures
- Further details on who should not travel to work
- Guidance for those who have no option but to share transport to work
- Information on the hierarchy of controls which should be implemented to reduce the risk of transmission where social distancing of 2 metres cannot be achieved

15.4.20

During **her daily briefing** the First Minister made the following announcements:

- The Small Business Grant will be widened. In addition to being able to claim a grant of up to £10,000 (for some business up to £25,000), for one property, these businesses will now be able to apply for grants up to 75% for each subsequent property that they own
- A further £100m fund has been created for self employed people, in particular newly self-employed people. This is to come in no later than at the end of April

9.4.20

The Scottish Government published construction policy note CPN 1/2020 on Construction Contracts containing general guidance for the public works projects during COVID19. It covers the following topics:

- Project continuity;
- Procurement;
- Common relevant provisions in construction contracts; and
- Potential COVID-19 mitigations.

8.4.20

Letter from Business, Energy & Industrial Secretary Alok Sharma to manufacturing sector stated “there is no restriction on manufacturing continuing”.

The CLC issued a joint **statement** with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Infrastructure and Projects Authority. **The statement called for construction businesses to pay in accordance with agreed contractual terms.**

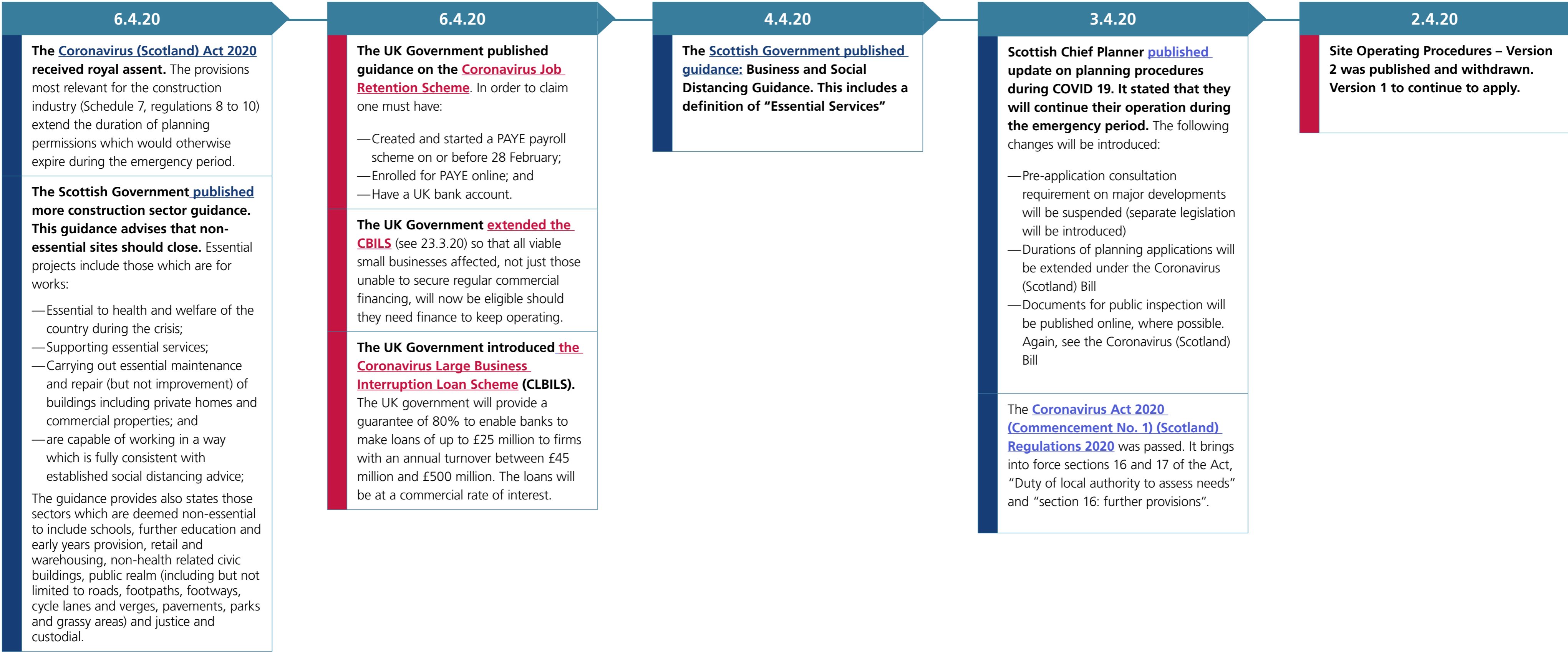
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The UK Government issued Guidance Notes for Construction Contracts relating to Procurement Policy Note 02/20 (see 20.03.20). It is addressed to the public sector contains model deeds of variation for both NEC3 and JCT standard form contracts.

Public Health England issued new guidance on social distancing in the workplace **and stated the following in relation to construction: “Where it is not possible to follow the social distancing guidelines in full in relation to a particular activity, consider whether that activity needs to continue for site to operate.** Where face-to-face contact is essential, keep it to 15 minutes or less wherever possible”.

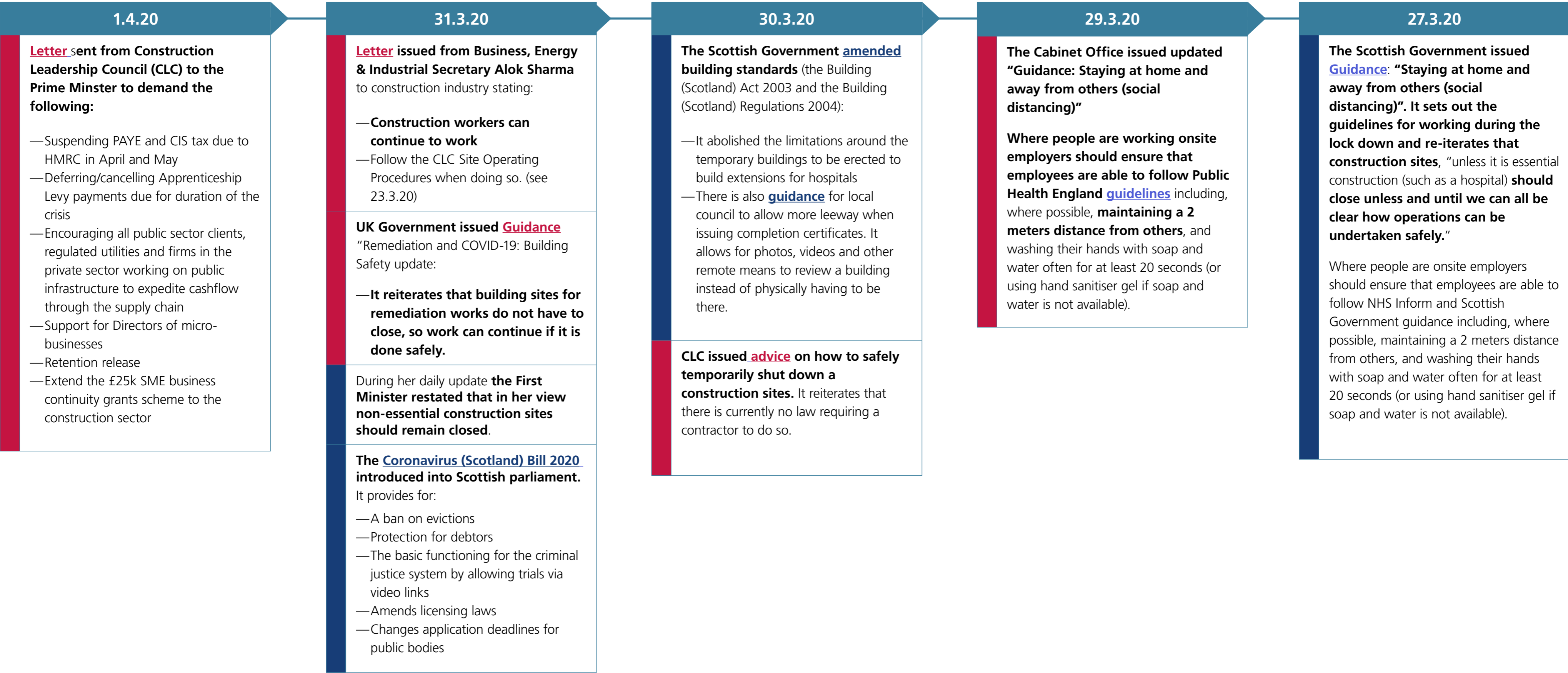
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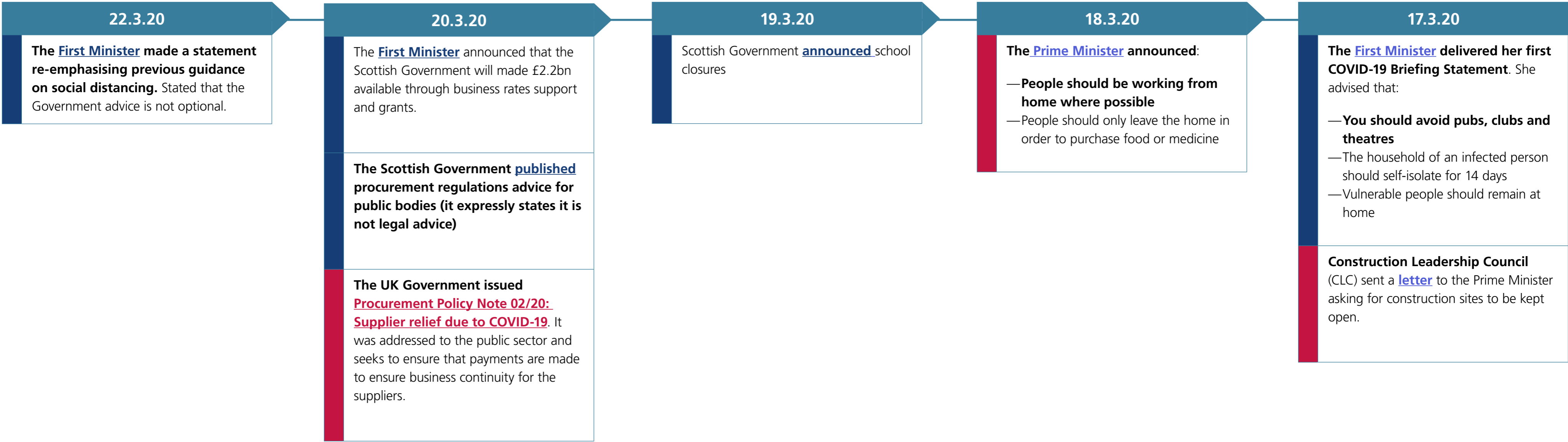
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26.3.20	26.3.20	25.3.20	24.3.20	23.3.20
<p>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 came into force. These introduced measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—People to remain in their homes and only leave for essential business (such as to obtain basic necessities, take exercise and travel for the purposes of work where it is not reasonably possible for that person to work from home.—Restaurants and all types of leisure sites and businesses, pubs, bars, theatres, gyms, etc. to close—Listed businesses (e.g. supermarkets, builders merchants) that remain open are required to implement 2m distancing—Contravening these measures is a criminal offence leading to a fine. This applies to individuals and officers of a body corporate. <p>Note: None of these measures directly restrict work on construction sites.</p>	<p>UK Cabinet Office issued Model Interim Payment Terms to supplement earlier guidance on supplier relief</p> <p>Note that a company claiming under the scheme cannot claim under “any other government/public sector COVID-10 related relief, grant, intervention or other measure which results in the supplier receiving more than one benefit/relief under the same underlying cash-flow issue.”</p> <p>The Scottish Government issued SSPN 5/2020 with Model Interim Payment Terms. They are at the same terms as the UK one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—Note that a company claiming under the scheme cannot claim under “any other government/public sector COVID-10 related relief, grant, intervention or other measure which results in the supplier receiving more than one benefit/relief under the same underlying cash-flow issue.” <p>UK Chancellor announced that self-employed people can apply for grant worth 80% of their average monthly profits over the last 3 years up to £2,500/month</p>	<p>Coronavirus Act 2020 came into force across the UK.</p> <p>The Scottish Government published “business and social distancing guidance”. All businesses and sites to close unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—Essential to the health and welfare of the country—Supporting essential services—Capable of working in a way which is fully consistent with social distancing—Wider public health or safety considerations apply <p>The Scottish Government made a Declaration of serious and imminent threat to public health under the Coronavirus Act 2020</p>	<p>The First Minister delivered a speech in which she stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—Scotland now effectively in lockdown—People must remain indoors, exercise outdoors max 1 a day—Only travel to work if absolutely necessary and cannot be done from home—She would expect construction site to be closed unless the building that is worked on is essential, such as a hospital <p>Michael Gove stated that builders should turn up to construction sites if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—the sites are in the open; or—if the sites are on private property and essential works needs to be done <p>Matt Hancock stated that when it comes to construction, work could continue if workers stood 2 metres apart from each other.</p>	<p>The Prime Minister announced a lockdown. including on travelling to and from work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—Unless absolutely necessary; and—Work cannot be done from home <p>The First Minister advised that building sites should close.</p> <p>Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) went live (Loan up to £5m, interest free for 12 months)</p> <p>UK social distancing guide published (including specific reference to site workers)</p> <p>Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">—In England and Wales it is possible to continue working on construction sites—Workers to follow the social distancing guidelines. <p>The Construction Leadership Council & Build UK released “Site Operating Procedures”.</p>

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