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## **Partner Applications: Those Whose Income have been Affected by COVID-19 and are not able to fulfil the minimum income requirement**

The Home Office recently published its Coronavirus (COVID-19) Concession.

This states that where there is evidence of a temporary loss of income due to COVID-19 during the period 1 March 2020 and 31 July 2020, the following concessions apply:

- 1 A temporary loss of employment income between 1 March and 31 July 2020 due to COVID-19, will be disregarded provided the minimum income requirement was met at the required level for at least 6 months up to March 2020.
- 2 An applicant or sponsor furloughed under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will be deemed as earning 100% of their salary.
- 3 A temporary loss of annual income due to COVID-19 between 1 March 2020 and 31 July 2020 will generally be disregarded for self-employment income, along with the impact on employment income from the same period for future applications.
- 4 Evidential flexibility may be applied where an applicant or sponsor experiences difficulty accessing specified evidence due to COVID-19 restriction.
- 5 Income received via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme or the Coronavirus Self-Employment Income Support Scheme can count as employment or self-employment income.

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