

## **COVID-19 safety measures at the ABI's Tax Convention 2021**

We want to make sure all attendees feel safe and comfortable attending this event. For the safety of everyone, we will be asking attendees at their first registration (the Tax Convention dinner on 20 September or the conference on 21 September if they did not attend the dinner) to provide [a valid NHS COVID Pass](#). Details of how to obtain a Pass are set out below. We will also be welcoming attendees who have medical reasons which mean they cannot be vaccinated or tested. However, if you do not have a valid NHS COVID Pass and you are not medically exempt then you will not be permitted entry to the Convention.

We will encourage attendees to consider wearing a face covering when moving around and not seated during the event.

If you will be obtaining an NHS COVID Pass with evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test, please ensure that you perform the test so that it lasts for the **duration of your attendance at the Convention** (a test lasts for 48 hours).

Attendees **should not attend the event** if [required to self-isolate](#), which includes if you or someone you live with has any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (which can include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste). You should **not** attend where you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 but have taken a rapid lateral flow test, the result of which is negative.

### **Guidance for ABI Tax Convention registration**

Attendees will be asked to show a valid [NHS COVID Pass at your first registration on entry into the Convention](#).

#### **Who can get the NHS COVID Pass**

For domestic purposes, those 18 and over can obtain an NHS COVID Pass if one of the following applies:

- 2 weeks after completing a full course of vaccination, whether that requires 2 doses or one dose (that is, 2 doses of the Moderna, AstraZeneca or Pfizer vaccine, or 1 dose of the Janssen vaccine) (according to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency authorised schedule).
- with evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test taken within 48 hours of entry to a venue. A lateral flow test taken at home will need to be reported into the [public reporting system](#)
- proof of natural immunity shown by a positive PCR test result for COVID-19, lasting for 180 days from the date of the positive test and following completion of the self-isolation period

You must have been vaccinated in England\*. You can find exemptions of the NHS COVID Pass [here](#).



If you will be obtaining an NHS COVID Pass with evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test, please ensure that you perform the test so that it lasts for the duration of your attendance at the Convention (a test lasts for 48 hours). We will not be providing rapid lateral flow tests on site

### **How to access the NHS COVID Pass**

You can access and show evidence of your NHS COVID Pass through the free [NHS App](#) on a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet, [via the NHS website](#), or a NHS COVID Pass letter (vaccination status only). For more information on how to access the NHS COVID Pass, [click here](#).

### **Exemptions**

If you have a medical reason which means you cannot be vaccinated or tested, you may let us know on entry (we will not ask for any proof of this medical exemption) or you may let us know by contacting [events@abi.org.uk](mailto:events@abi.org.uk) (please do not disclose specific details of why you are exempt). **If you have any questions, please email [events@abi.org.uk](mailto:events@abi.org.uk).**

### **Full vaccination outside of England**

\*We will accept proof of vaccination status for those fully vaccinated outside of England. For those vaccinated in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, please find further information for providing proof of vaccination and the formats we can accept below. For those fully vaccinated elsewhere outside of England, please contact [events@abi.org.uk](mailto:events@abi.org.uk).

#### **[Scotland: vaccination status letter](#)**

**[Wales: NHS COVID Pass](#) - online via NHS website or Pass by post (not available through the NHS app)**

#### **[Northern Ireland](#)**