

Contactless limit in UK to be increased to £45

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The spending limit for contactless card payments will be increased from £30 to £45, with a national roll-out beginning from 1 April 2020, UK Finance has announced.

- 5 The decision to raise the limit was taken following consultation between **the retail sector** and the finance and payments industry and follows similar increases in several other European countries over the past week.

The changes were already under consideration by the industry, but the process has been **expedited** as part of the industry's response to the Covid-19 outbreak to support consumers
10 who choose to pay using contactless at this time.

From 1 April 2020, consumers will begin to see an increasing number of **retailers** accepting contactless card payments up to the new £45 limit. Given the pace at which this change is being **rolled out**, the new limits will take some time to be introduced across all retailers, including some of those facing additional pressure due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

- 15 For consumers spending more than £45 there are many ways to choose to pay, for example through Chip & PIN, cash and alternatives such as mobile payments which do not have an upper limit when authenticated through biometric technologies.

Stephen Jones, CEO of UK Finance, said:

20 *"The payments industry has been working closely with retailers to be able to increase the contactless payment limit to help customers with their shopping at this critical time for the country.*

*"This will give more people the choice to opt for the speed and convenience of purchasing goods using their contactless card, helping to **cut** queues at the checkout.(262 words)*

- 25 **roll-out** = lancement / **to roll out** = lancer –
retail = vente en magasins / **retailer** = magasin
expedited = accéléré
cut = réduire

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