The Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") has been extended to August 8, 2020 with more than $100 billion remaining to assist small businesses.

The loan amounts can be forgiven if:

- The loan proceeds are used to cover payroll costs, and most mortgage interest, rent, and utility costs over the elected coverage period after the loan is made; and
- Employee and compensation levels are maintained.

Payroll costs are capped at $100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee. Not more than 40% of the forgiven amount may be used for non-payroll costs.

Loan payments will be deferred for up to 16 months.

When can I apply?

- Small businesses, sole proprietors and independent contractors can apply for and receive loans to cover their payroll and other certain expenses through existing SBA lenders.
- Other regulated lenders and CDFI Loan Funds will be available to make these loans if they are approved and enrolled in the program.

Where can I apply?

You can apply through any existing SBA lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, Farm Credit System institution or CDFI Loan Fund that is participating. Other regulated lenders may be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating or visit www.sba.gov for a list of SBA lenders.

Who can apply?

All businesses – including nonprofits, veterans organizations, Tribal business concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors – with 500 or fewer employees can apply. Businesses in certain industries can have more than 500 employees if they meet applicable SBA employee-based size standards for those industries (click HERE for additional detail).

For this program, the SBA’s affiliation standards are waived for small businesses (1) in the hotel and food services industries (click HERE for NAICS code 72 to confirm); or (2) that are franchises in the SBA’s Franchise Directory (click HERE to check); or (3) that receive financial assistance from small business investment companies licensed by the SBA. Additional guidance may be released as appropriate.

What do I need to apply?

You will need to complete the Paycheck Protection Program loan application and submit the application with the required documentation to an approved lender that is available to process your application by August 8, 2020. Click HERE for the application.

What other documents will I need to include in my application?

You will need to provide your lender with payroll documentation.

Do I need to first look for other funds before applying to this program?

No. SBA is waiving the usual SBA requirement that you try to obtain some or all of the loan funds from other sources (i.e., SBA is waiving the Credit Elsewhere requirement).

How long will this program last?

Although the program is open until August 8, 2020, we encourage you to apply as quickly as you can because there is a funding cap and lenders need time to process your loan.

How many loans can I take out under this program?

Only one.
What can I use these loans for?
You should use the proceeds from these loans on your:

- Payroll costs, including benefits;
- Interest on mortgage obligations, incurred before February 15, 2020;
- Rent, under lease agreements in force before February 15, 2020; and
- Utilities, for which service began before February 15, 2020.

If I have already received PPP funding can I apply again?
No, you can only receive one PPP loan.

What counts as payroll costs?
Payroll costs include:

- Salary, wages, commissions, or tips (capped at $100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee);
- Employee benefits including costs for vacation, parental, family, medical, or sick leave; allowance for separation or dismissal; payments required for the provisions of group health care benefits including insurance premiums; and payment of any retirement benefit;
- State and local taxes assessed on compensation; and
- For a sole proprietor or independent contractor: wages, commissions, income, or net earnings from self-employment, capped at $100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee.

Does the PPP cover paid sick leave?
Yes, the PPP covers payroll costs, which include employee benefits such as costs for parental, family, medical, or sick leave. However, it is worth noting that the CARES Act expressly excludes qualified sick and family leave wages for which a credit is allowed under sections 7001 and 7003 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) (Public Law 116–127). Learn more about the FFCRA’s Paid Sick Leave Refundable Credit online.

How can I request loan forgiveness?
You can submit a request to the lender that is servicing the loan. The request will include documents that verify the number of full-time equivalent employees and pay rates, as well as the payments on eligible mortgage, lease, and utility obligations. You must certify that the documents are true and that you used the forgiveness amount to keep employees and make eligible mortgage interest, rent, and utility payments. The lender must make a decision on the forgiveness within 60 days.

What is my interest rate?
1.00% fixed rate.

When do I need to start paying interest on my loan?
You must apply for forgiveness or begin payments within 10 months after the last day of the Covered Period. Interest will accrue over this period.
**When is my loan due?**

Loans made after June 5, 2020 are due in 5 years. Loans made before June 5, 2020 are due in 2 years but can be extended to 5 years.

**Can I pay my loan earlier than 2 years?**

Yes. There are no prepayment penalties or fees.

**Do I need to pledge any collateral for these loans?**

No. No collateral is required.

**Do I need to personally guarantee this loan?**

No. There is no personal guarantee requirement.

***However, if the proceeds are used for fraudulent purposes, the U.S. government will pursue criminal charges against you.***

**What do I need to certify?**

As part of your application, you need to certify in good faith that:

- Current economic uncertainty makes the loan necessary to support your ongoing operations.

- The funds will be used to retain workers and maintain payroll or to make mortgage, lease, and utility payments.

- You have not and will not receive another loan under this program.

- You will provide to the lender documentation that verifies the number of full-time equivalent employees on payroll and the dollar amounts of payroll costs, covered mortgage interest payments, covered rent payments, and covered utilities for the eight weeks after getting this loan.

- Loan forgiveness will be provided for the sum of documented payroll costs, covered mortgage interest payments, covered rent payments, and covered utilities. Due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 40% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs.

- All the information you provided in your application and in all supporting documents and forms is true and accurate. Knowingly making a false statement to get a loan under this program is punishable by law.

- You acknowledge that the lender will calculate the eligible loan amount using the tax documents you submitted. You affirm that the tax documents are identical to those you submitted to the IRS. And you also understand, acknowledge, and agree that the lender can share the tax information with the SBA’s authorized representatives, including authorized representatives of the SBA Office of Inspector General, for the purpose of compliance with SBA Loan Program Requirements and all SBA reviews.

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