



Dear Valued BMSS Clients & Friends,

The Department of Treasury Has Released the Paycheck Protection Program Application

The Department of Treasury just released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application and supplemental information on their website. This program is designed to assist small businesses in keeping their employees paid through the COVID-19 crisis.

As a reminder, loans for this program:

- Are up to 2.5x average monthly payroll and can be used for employee salaries, up to a max rate of \$100,000 per year, paid sick or medical leave, insurance premiums, and mortgage, rent and utility payments;
- Are up to 100% forgivable if used for the above purposes, to the extent you maintain at least 75% wages and your full-time equivalent employee base; and
- Are available to businesses or 501(c)(3) nonprofits with less than 500 employees, including sole-proprietors, independent contractors, and other self-employed individuals.

The PPP authorizes up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans and will have the same terms for everyone. However, please read the [PPP Information Sheet](#) here for specific details. In addition, here is the [PPP application form](#) you will need to get the process started. Below are a few key items:

When Can You Apply?

- **April 3, 2020** - small businesses and sole proprietors can begin the application process through existing SBA lenders
- **April 10, 2020** - independent contractors and self-employed individuals can begin the application process through existing SBA lenders
- Other regulated lenders will be available as soon as they are approved and enrolled in the program

Where Can You Apply?

- Any existing SBA lender
- Any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating in the program
- Other regulated lenders once they are approved and enrolled in the program

Who Can Apply?

- All businesses with 500 or fewer employees
 - Certain industries can have more than 500 if they meet certain [criteria](#)
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Other Links from Our [COVID-19 Page](#)

March 27:

- [Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide & Checklist](#) (prepared by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
- [President Trump Signs Into Law CARES Act](#)
- [SBA Disaster Relief Loans: Mitigating the Risk of After-the-Fact Enforcement Actions](#) (from Bradley)

March 26:

- [Senate Passes \\$2.2 Trillion Bill to Support Economy During Virus Pandemic](#)

March 25:

- [COVID-19 Consumer Business Response Checklist](#)
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Thank you for your continued trust; we value you and are looking forward to better times.

Sincerely,

BMSS Advisors & CPAs

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