

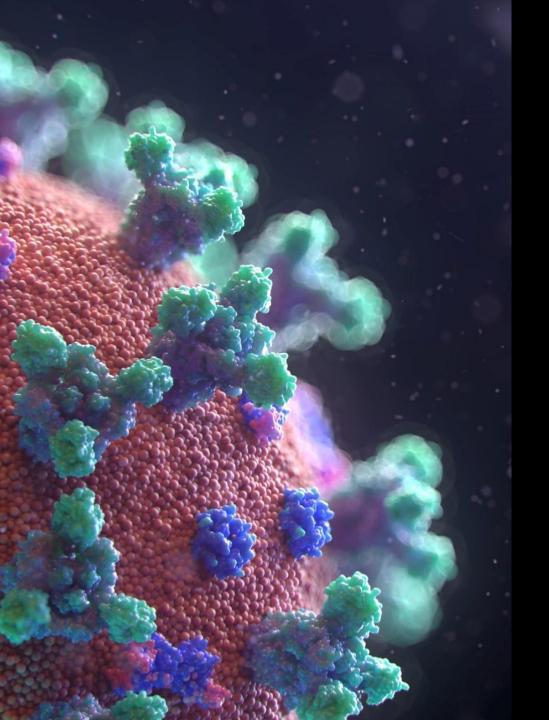
#### Administrative Developments and Guidance for Accessing Small Business Stimulus Dollars

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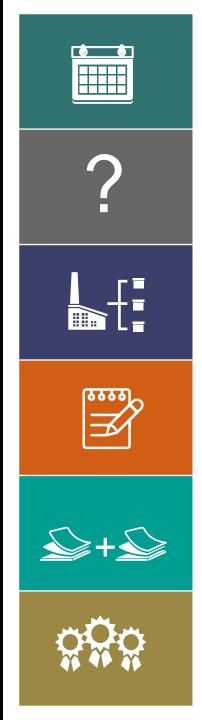


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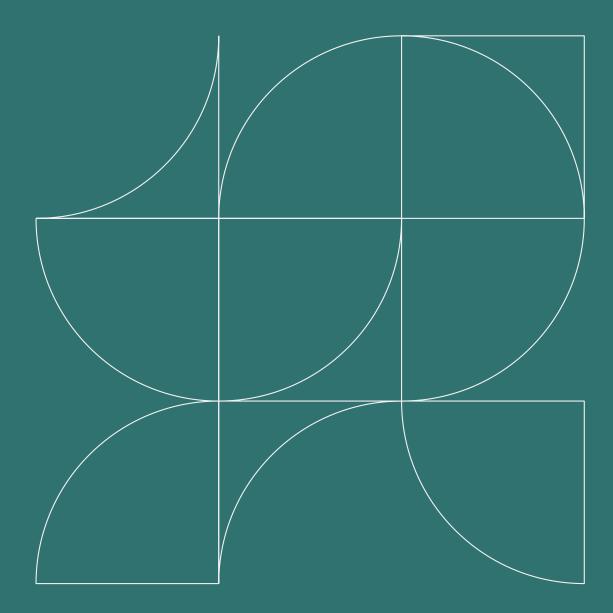
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## Week in Review

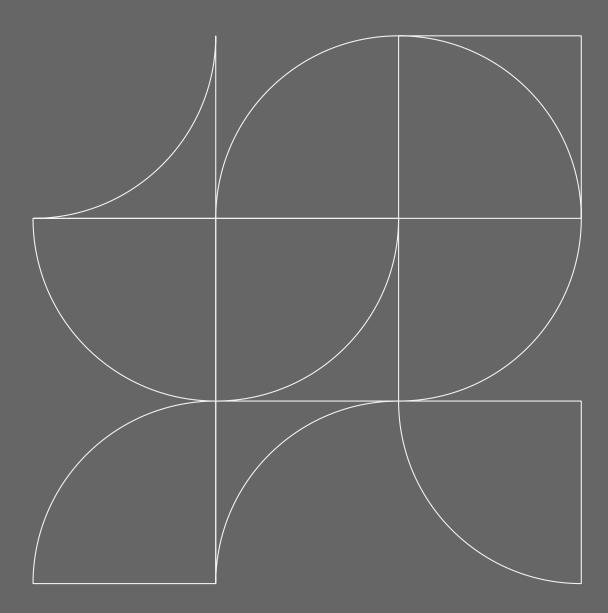


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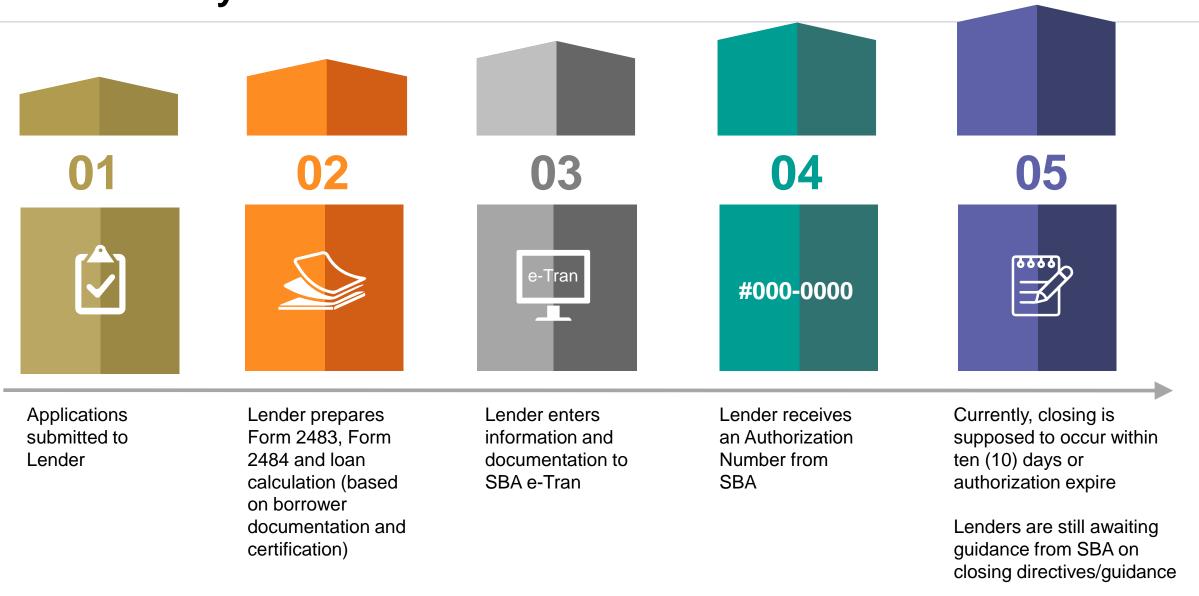


- Approximately 300,000 PPP applications filed within past week, representing including approximately \$100B approved loans to date.
- PPP interest rate increased from .5% to 1%, and term reduced from 10 years to 2 years.
- SBA released new guidance/interim rules covering:
  - Eligibility, affiliation, forgiveness, borrower/lender certifications and disbursement
- Most banks not lending to non-clients, resulting in scramble to file applications.
- Senate seeking to boost PPP loan program by an additional 251B.

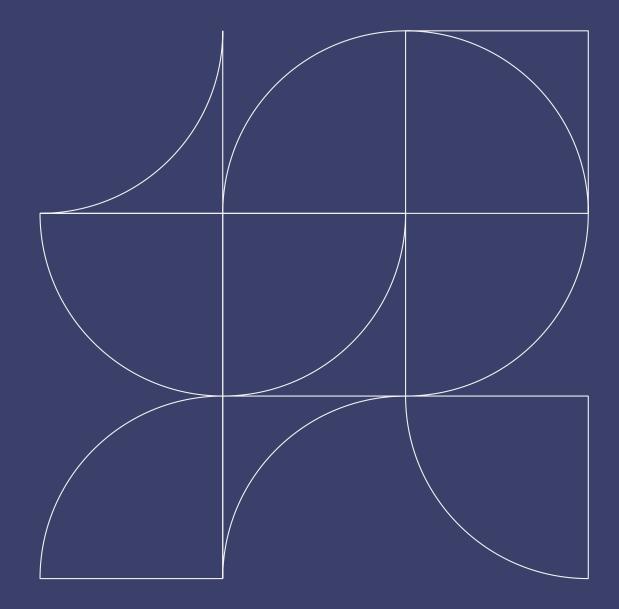
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# Eligibility and Affiliation Rules



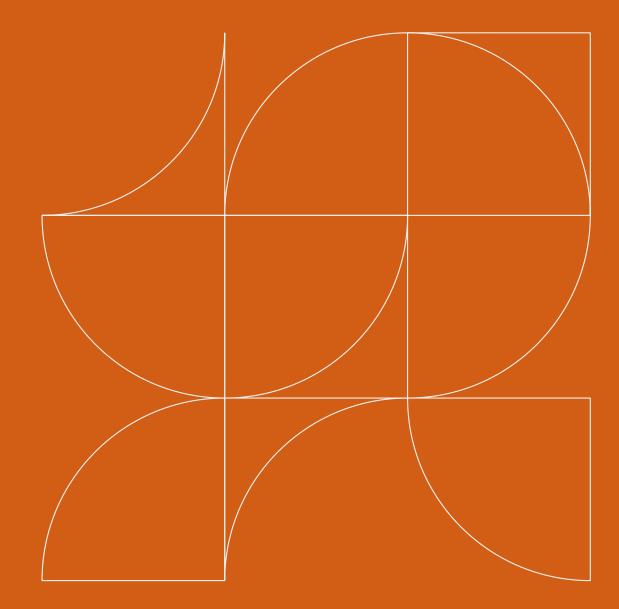
## Eligibility and Affiliation Rules



#### **Eligibility and Affiliation Rules**

- Applies to investment companies, <u>UNLESS</u> "any amount" SBIC funding (loans, debt, equity features, equity, guarantees, and or securities purchased from an underwriter under 107.825)
  - Even if owned/controlled by other investment firms
- Passive (non-operating) enterprises generally not eligible for 7(a)/PPP
- Borrowers are responsible for determining affiliation, size, and certifying same
  - Lender permitted to rely
- Parent-sub affiliation applies, but entities file separate applications
- Faith-based exemption to affiliation for non-profits

# Loan Forgiveness Updates

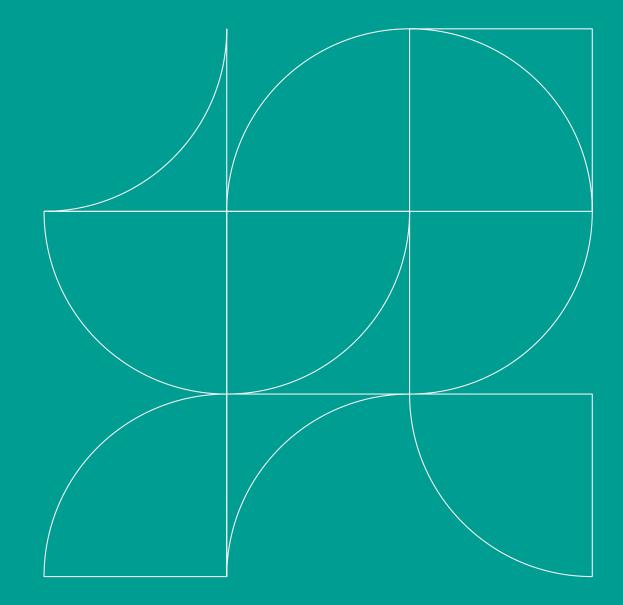


### Loan Forgiveness Updates



- Additional forgiveness guidance to be released within next 1-2 weeks
- Lenders have sixty (60) days to submit for forgiveness, following disbursement (Chuck/John)
- Actual amount of forgiveness will match percentage of payroll and qualifying expenses, using the requirement of 75% use of proceeds for payroll costs
- Funds must be used immediately for intended purpose (i.e., paycheck protection)

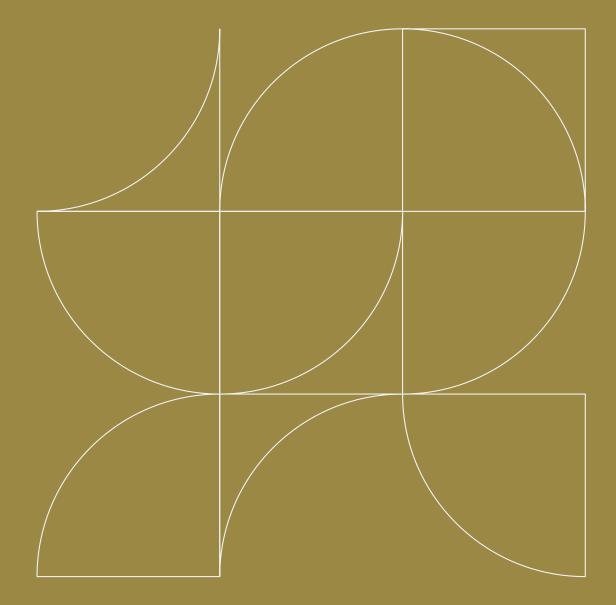
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- General guidance: Cannot use EIDL and PPP loans
  to cover the same expenses
- Recent guidance addresses EXISTING EIDL and new PPP:
  - Application of \$10k grant, reduces PPP disbursements
  - If EIDL was used for payroll costs, PPP must be used to refinance EIDL
- Borrowers can apply for new EIDL and new PPP at same time





#### What's in a Certification?

- Important to remember that Borrower (not Lender) makes bulk of certifications with respect to accuracy of information for application AND forgiveness.
- Lender's underwriting obligations is mainly limited to:
  - Confirming receipt of information; and
  - Confirming dollar amounts
- Borrower's will be responsible for "good faith" determinations with respect to affiliation, size and other eligibility requirements
- Additional Lender-mandated representations within loan documents.



#### Why Does this Matter?

- A lot of "grey" area in certifications, particularly in this rapidly-developing environment:
  - "Necessity" of loan
  - Use of funds: funds will be used to retain workers and maintain current payroll or make mortgage payments
  - Information provided is "true and accurate in all material respects"
    - Eligibility, affiliations and size, employees, etc.
- Standard is "knowing" misuse of funds...and false statements not made in good faith
- Certifications and representations will also likely appear in closing loan docs



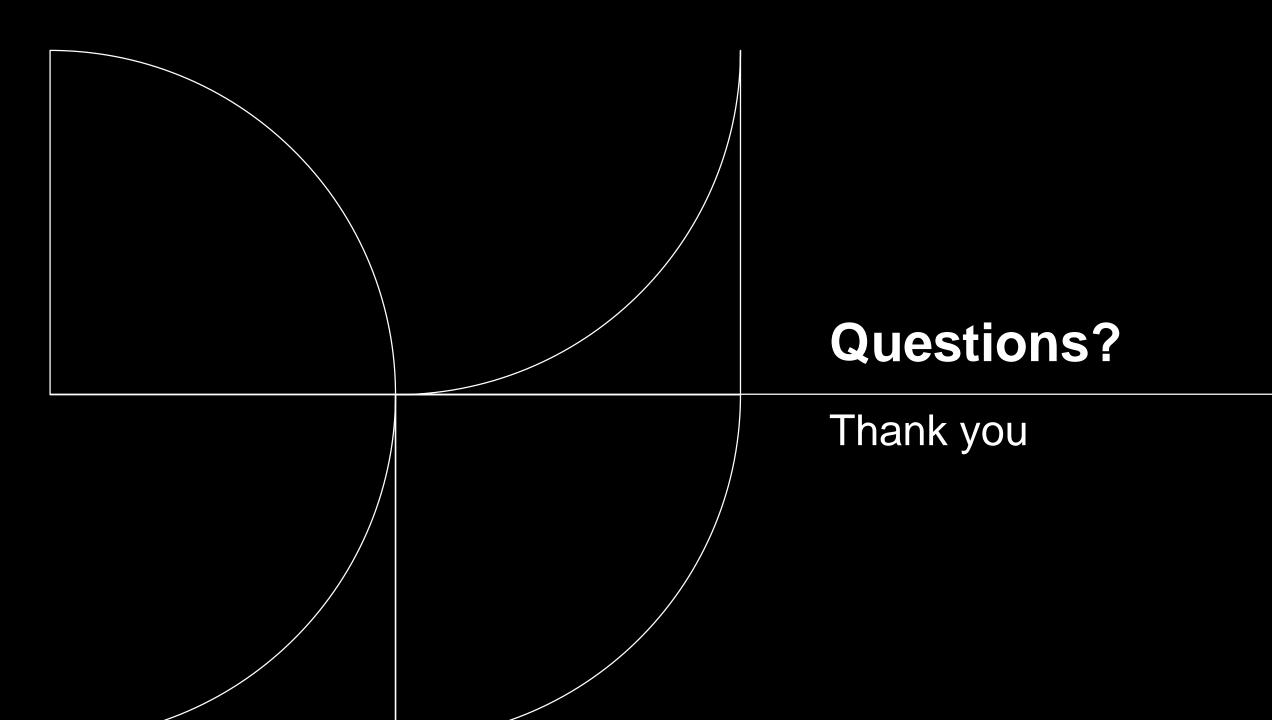
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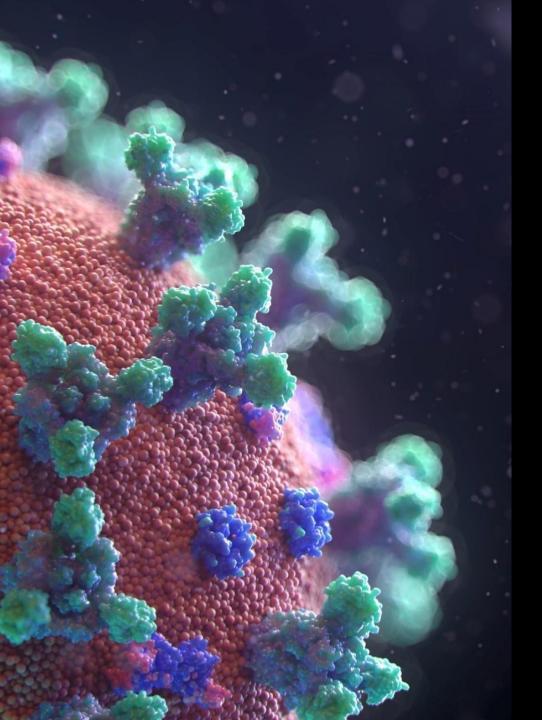
- Company's strategy and care for submitting application, certifying records and other information should reflect consequences for misstatements for guaranteed SBA loan:
  - Loss of forgiveness
  - Acceleration of note
  - Recourse of loan back to shareholder, member, partner, etc.
  - Debarment
  - Criminal penalties as specified in final rule (e.g., imprisonment and fines)



#### **Best Practices for Accessing Stimulus Funds**

- Consult your attorney to ensure "good faith" size, affiliation, analysis and other borrower-certified determinations are reasonable and appropriate
- Make sure that any inconsistencies or errors are addressed immediately, either before or after closing
  - Mistakes happen, but make sure that you make any corrective disclosures sooner than later
- Put the company in the best position to report/explain representations and use of funds
  - Documentation is critical
  - Segregate funds and track separately (i.e., do not commingle loan proceeds with other funds.)





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