

SBA DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM

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Overview

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides immediate relief to small businesses with SBA 7(a), 504, and microloans. For existing borrowers, SBA will cover all loan payments on these SBA loans, including principal, interest, and fees, for six months. This relief will also be available to new borrowers who take out loans within six months of the enactment of the CARES Act.

Eligibility

You are eligible if:

- You have an SBA 7(a), 504, or microloan loan (Paycheck Protection loans and SBA disaster loans are not eligible—but payments are already deferred under those loans);
- You apply for and receive an SBA 7(a), 504, or microloan within six months of enactment of the CARES Act.
- To check if you are eligible for an SBA 7(a), 504, or microloan, please visit the [Small Business Administration](#) website.

More about SBA loans

- An SBA 7(a) loan is a loan of up to \$5 million for borrowers who lack credit elsewhere and need access to versatile financing, providing short-term or long-term working capital and to purchase an existing business, refinance current business debt, or purchase furniture, fixtures, and supplies.
- A 504 loan is a loan up to \$5.5 million for small businesses that provides long-term, fixed-rate financing used to acquire fixed assets for expansion or modernization. You must apply through a Certified Development Company, which is a nonprofit corporation that promotes economic development.
- A microloan loan is a loan up to \$50,000 to help small businesses and certain not-for-profit childcare centers to start up and expand. The average

microloan is about \$13,000. These loans are delivered through mission-based lenders that also provide business counseling.

- You can visit an SBA resource partner who can help guide you through the loan application process. You can find your nearest Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or Women's Business Center [here](#).
- You can use SBA's free [lender match](#) tool to find a lender near you.

How do I get debt relief?

Debt relief is automatic, but you should check in with your lender. Under the new law, the SBA is directed to make payments within 30 days of the date on which the first payment is due.

More Information

For more information about SBA loan programs, please visit the [Small Business Administration](#). More information about small business programs in the CARES Act and other resources for small businesses can be found on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship [website](#).

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to your local [Small Business Development Center](#), [Women's Business Center](#), [SCORE](#) chapter, or [SBA District Office](#).