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## **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**

**Updated: January 7, 2021**

Today, the SBA released its guidance for the third round (second draw) of PPP loans which is scheduled to begin on January 11, 2021. Our bankers are reviewing the program details and developing our participation strategy to support our customers and communities. As time is of the essence, we will contact customers via email with information on the program, and how to qualify and apply. For non-GBC International Bank customers, please refer to the Contact Us page on our website for information.

**Updated: December 29, 2020**

On December 27, 2020, the President of United States signed the legislation which combines \$900 billion in COVID-19 aid into law. The package authorizes a third round of Paycheck Protection Program in the amount of \$284.45 billion to assist small businesses and non-profits. Qualified borrowers that took a loan in the earlier rounds, may apply for a second forgivable loan. We will continue to monitor the program's details as they develop. A representative from your dedicated team will be in touch for next steps as soon as they are available.

For customers seeking loan forgiveness from the first and second rounds of PPP loans, guidance from SBA and Treasury suggests loan amounts up to \$150,000 will further simplify. We will contact you as more details emerge. Meanwhile, for customers who have submitted partial or completed forgiveness applications, our associates are reviewing them, and will contact you with more information.

Happy Holidays! Our Team at GBC International Bank wishes you a Safe and Healthy New Year!

**Updated: June 17, 2020**

The SBA released a three-page "EZ" Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness application that requires less documentation and calculation than previously required. To qualify, the borrower must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- The Borrower is self-employed, an independent contractor, or sole proprietor who had no employees at the time of application.
- Did not reduce salary or wages by more than 25%, AND did not reduce the number of employees or average paid hours of employees during the covered period (except if the



Borrower was unable to rehire or find similarly qualified employees for the unfilled positions).

- Did not reduce salary or wages by more than 25%, AND was unable to operate at the same level of business due to compliance with health directives related to COVID-19.

Additional resources can be found on SBA's website or the links below:

[Checklist to use SBA Form 3508EZ](#)

[SBA Form 3508EZ](#)

[Instructions for SBA Form 3508 revised June 16, 2020](#)

[SBA Form 3508 revised June 16, 2020](#)

**Updated: June 8, 2020**

On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the President signed the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act of 2020 into law. In addition to the modifications cited on our June 4<sup>th</sup> update, the bill 1) replaced the six-month deferral of payments under the PPP until the date on which the amount of loan forgiveness is remitted to the lender; and 2) changed the minimum maturity of the loan from two years to five years.

These laws will likely be subject to additional guidance from the Treasury and SBA. As always, GBC International Bank will stay on top of announcements and keep you informed.

**Updated: June 4, 2020**

The Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill that would provide greater flexibility for PPP borrowers. The bill, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 (H.R. 7010), now goes to the president to be signed into law.

The bill 1) extends the forgiveness period for all PPP loans from 8 to 24 weeks from the date of origination; 2) reduces the minimum amount business must use for payroll purposes from 75% to 60%; and 3) extends the June 30 rehiring deadline to December 31, 2020.

**Updated: May 22, 2020**

To assist you in your PPP forgiveness application process, GBC International Bank created a fillable application template with built in formulas which can be accessed [here](#). For your convenience, we are also working on an e-sign version and developing a workflow to streamline your experience.

It's important to note that like the PPP loan application process, it is possible for the forgiveness process to evolve. Rest assured our teams will continue to monitor announcements from the



Treasury and SBA, and keep you informed. As we near your forgiveness application period, our bankers will contact you with more details on how to proceed.

We appreciate your patience and support through this challenging time. Our team at GBC International Bank looks forward to serving you.

**Updated: May 15, 2020**

The Small Business Administration and Treasury Department released the PPP loan forgiveness application this evening. The form provides detailed information about the costs that are eligible for forgiveness and instructions for calculating those costs. GBC customers will receive further instructions in the coming week on next steps. Have a great weekend and take care.

The PPP forgiveness application from SBA can be found [here](#).

**Updated: May 1, 2020**

GBC International Bank has come to the difficult conclusion that we have reached our capacity for the PPP program. On a limited basis, we can accept applications from existing customers and their close affiliates. Thank you for choosing GBC International Bank. Stay healthy and safe.

**Updated: April 28, 2020**

While banks and lenders are continuing to experience lag and drops when accessing SBA's E-Tran system, PPP applications are being processed and approved. As of 12:30 PM PT yesterday, SBA tweeted that more than 100,000 loans were submitted by more than 4,000 lenders.

To ensure PPP funds are provided to small businesses and to ensure equitable access and system integrity, SBA and Treasury implemented "pacing the number of loans processed in E-Tran system for participating lenders... ensuring the Paycheck Protection Program continues to operate on a first-come-first-serve basis so that every small business has access to PPP loans to sustain their business and retain their employees."

If you have not submitted a complete application to your Lending or Branch Team, please do so as quickly as possible. GBC International Bank is continuing to take PPP applications and supporting our communities through relationship banking. If you or someone you know are applying for the PPP loan, and can benefit from working with a bank and bankers who are committed to supporting you and your business, please email us at [PPP@gbcib.com](mailto:PPP@gbcib.com).



**Updated: April 24, 2020**

President Trump signed a \$484 billion coronavirus relief package into law today. SBA's PPP portal is scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM PT. If you have not submitted a complete package to your lender, please do so immediately. Even with the special allocation of \$60 billion to small lenders, we anticipate the funds will run out quickly.

**Updated: April 23, 2020**

Earlier this afternoon, the House approved the bill to provide additional PPP funding. It is pending President Trump's signature. Treasury officials were asked to provide lenders advance notice of when lenders can enter applications.

**Updated: April 23, 2020**

Yesterday, the Senate signed a legislation that includes an additional \$310 billion to restart the PPP with at least \$60 billion set aside for community banks. As proposed, \$30 billion is dedicated to institutions between \$50 billion and 10 billion in assets, and another \$30 billion for institutions under \$10 billion in assets. Our hope is this allocation will allow community banks like ours fund more small businesses in our communities.

Due to our increased volume of PPP requests, we are currently experiencing a delay in our response time. We are working hard to process your files as quickly as we can. If you are looking to apply through GBC International Bank, please submit your request to [PPP@gbcib.com](mailto:PPP@gbcib.com), and a banker will contact you as quickly as we can. Thank you for your understanding.

**Updated: April 16, 2020**

Effective immediately, SBA has stopped accepting new applications for PPP since the processed loan volume has reached the \$349 billion authorized by the CARES Act. Applications that were incomplete or have not been submitted will no longer be accepted by SBA.

Banking lobby groups are urging Congress to advance at least \$250 billion in additional funds for the Small Business Administration program, but no timetable is set nor guarantee that additional funds will be approved.

Until further notice, GBC will continue to take information from those who are interested in applying for the PPP program. Our hope is to be able to expedite the review, approval and funding of PPP funds should additional funding become available. Please contact us via [PPP@gbcib.com](mailto:PPP@gbcib.com) and a banker will respond with request for additional information.



**Updated: April 15, 2020**

On April 10, 2020, an email was sent to all GBC customers with an email address on file regarding our application timeline. If your Lending Team and/or Branch Team does not receive a signed application by Friday, April 17, 2020, we will assume you are not interested in applying for this program through GBC.

To all non-existing GBC customers, thank you for submitting your inquiries to [PPP@gbcib.com](mailto:PPP@gbcib.com). If you do not receive a reply from us within 24 hours, please resubmit via email so that we can send you our pre-application questionnaire before assigning your case to a GBC Team. Thank you and stay safe.

**Updated: April 10, 2020**

To our valued customers who have been so patient as we worked through the PPP application process – thank you. As of yesterday, GBC International Bank began funding these loans. If you have submitted a complete package, rest assured we are working diligently towards funding your loans as soon as possible. Take care and stay safe.

**Updated: April 8, 2020**

GBC International Bank is a SBA Preferred Lending Partner and a participant in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Since the announcement of the program, we have been working hard towards providing relief for small businesses in our communities. Our efforts include redirecting internal resources and workflows, and providing internal training to support this program as best as we can.

If you have a banking relationship with GBC International Bank, our Teams have either 1) already talked to you and started or completed an application, 2) tried to reach you but have been unsuccessful, or 3) are in the process of reaching out to you.

Due to the high volume of requests, GBC International Bank will start by prioritizing customers with existing banking relationships. However, we recognize the impact this program can have on our communities and will strive towards helping all those in need. At this time, our services are limited to our geographical footprints in Southern and Northern California and Washington ([Locations](#)). To inquiry or to start an application, please do one of the following:

For existing borrowing customers, please contact members of your Lending Team.

For existing deposit customers, please contact members of your Retail/Branch Team.



For customers with borrowing and deposit relationships, please email members of both teams simultaneously when emailing so we can coordinate our efforts.

For non-current customers, please email us at [PPP@gbcib.com](mailto:PPP@gbcib.com) or call 888-822-6283. A bank representative will take your information and process them accordingly.

More updates to follow. You can also visit [SBA.gov](http://SBA.gov) for more information on the program.