

## **SBA Procedural Notice**

**EFFECTIVE:** March 26, 2021

TO: All SBA Employees CONTROL NO.: 5000-807838

**SUBJECT**: Additional Deferments for SBA Disaster Home and Business Loans Adversely Affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency – Second Extension; and Deferments for new SBA Disaster Loans

The purpose of this Notice is to grant additional deferments of principal and interest payments to SBA's existing disaster home and business loan borrowers, including COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) borrowers, due to the continued adverse effects of the COVID-19 emergency and to provide guidance on deferments for new loans.

#### **Disaster Home and Business Loans**

In SBA Procedural Notice 5000-20012, Deferments for SBA-Serviced Loans (Disaster Home and Business Loans and SBA-Purchased 504 Debentures) Adversely Affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency, effective March 30, 2020, SBA provided an automatic deferment of principal and interest payments through December 31, 2020, to its existing borrowers of disaster home and business loans that were in regular servicing status on March 1, 2020. SBA Procedural Notice 5000-20072, Additional Deferments for SBA Disaster Home and Business Loans Adversely Affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency, effective December 22, 2020, extended the previous automatic deferment an additional three months through March 31, 2021, for disaster home and business loan borrowers. In addition, SBA granted a deferment of principal and interest payments through March 31, 2021, to any disaster home and business loan borrowers that were in regular servicing status on December 1, 2020. Due to the continued adverse effects of the COVID-19 emergency, SBA is further extending the previous automatic deferment granted in SBA Procedural Notice 5000-20072 to provide these loans an additional 12-month deferment. SBA will also provide a 24-month deferment to disaster home and business loans approved in 2020, and an 18-month deferment to disaster home and business loans approved in 2021.

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# I. SBA Disaster Home and Business Loans Covered under Previous Automatic Deferments

SBA disaster home and business loans covered under the previous automatic deferments, as authorized in SBA Procedural Notice 5000-20012 and SBA Procedural Notice 5000-20072 (collectively the "Notices" or "Procedural Notices"), will be granted an additional automatic deferment of principal and interest payments through March 31, 2022.

Additionally, SBA will grant a deferment of principal and interest payments through March 31, 2022, to disaster home and business loan borrowers whose loans were approved prior to 2020 and were in regular servicing status as of March 1, 2021.

#### II. SBA Disaster Loans Approved in 2020

SBA will extend the deferment period for disaster home and business loans approved in calendar year 2020 which were not covered under the previously issued Procedural Notices. This includes COVID-19 EIDLs approved in calendar year 2020. Disaster home and business loans approved in 2020 must be in Undisbursed or Regular Servicing status as of March 1, 2021, to be eligible for the automatic deferment. SBA will provide these disaster loan borrowers with a total deferment of 24 months from the date of the note.

Disaster loans approved in 2020 that have already commenced monthly payment pursuant to their Loan Authorization will be deferred for a 12-month period starting with their Next Installment Due Date.

### III. SBA Disaster Loans Approved in Calendar Year 2021

SBA will extend the deferment period for all disaster home and business loans, including COVID-19 EIDLs, approved on or after January 1, 2021. Disaster home and business loans approved on or before March 1, 2021, must be in Undisbursed or Regular Servicing status as of March 1, 2021. SBA will provide these disaster loan borrowers with a total deferment of 18 months from the date of the note.

#### **IV. Guidelines Relating to These Deferments**

Borrowers are advised that:

- Interest will continue to accrue on the loans during the deferment;
- For loans that were not covered under the previously authorized deferment, the automatic deferment will be reflected on their next monthly payment notice (SBA Form 1201);
- Borrowers <u>will not</u> receive monthly payment notices (SBA Form 1201) during the deferment period;
- Borrowers will be contacted via the SBA's automated dialing system using the telephone number associated with the SBA loan approximately one month before the automatic deferment ends;

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- Borrowers are strongly encouraged to create an account in SBA's Capital Access
  Financial System (CAFS) to monitor their loan status. <u>Account enrollment instructions</u>
  are available here;
- The deferment will not stop any established Preauthorized Debit (PAD) or recurring payment on the loan. Borrowers with an SBA established PAD will have to contact their SBA servicing center to stop recurring payments during the deferment period. Borrowers that have established a PAD through Pay.Gov or any other bill pay service are responsible for terminating recurring payments during the deferment period;
- Borrowers preferring to continue making regular payments during the deferment period may continue remitting payments during the deferment period. SBA will apply those payments normally as if there was no deferment;
- After the automatic deferment period ends, borrowers will be required to resume making regular principal and interest payments.
  - For SBA disaster home and business loans covered under the previous Procedural Notices authorizing automatic deferments, borrowers will be required to resume making regular principal and interest payments after the automatic deferment period ends March 31, 2022;
  - For eligible SBA disaster home and business loans approved in 2020, borrowers will be required to begin making regular principal and interest payments 24months from the date of the Note;
  - For SBA disaster home and business loans approved in 2021, borrowers will be required to begin making regular principal and interest payments 18-months from the date of the note;
- Upon request, SBA will evaluate borrower circumstances on a case-by-case basis to determine the nature and extent of further relief that may be appropriate for each situation; and

#### V. Questions

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the appropriate Disaster Loan Servicing Center:

Birmingham Disaster Loan Servicing Center

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El Paso Disaster Loan Servicing Center

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