

Simplified Procedures to Access SBA Loans

By SBA Press Office

WASHINGTON—Following the finalization of two new rules aimed at closing gaps in capital access for America's small business owners, Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman, head of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and the voice for America's 33 million small businesses in President Biden's cabinet, announced streamlined lender procedures and other details on implementation.

"The Biden-Harris Administration recognizes that small businesses are the drivers of our economy, and that to participate in the opportunities created by the president's Invest in America agenda, they need capital to start, grow, and be resilient," said Administrator Guzman. "The modernization of SBA's loan programs will help ensure that more borrowers can get funded through a broader network of lenders so they can help build a strengthened American economy that innovates, manufactures, and provides the products and services that make our lives better across Main Street."

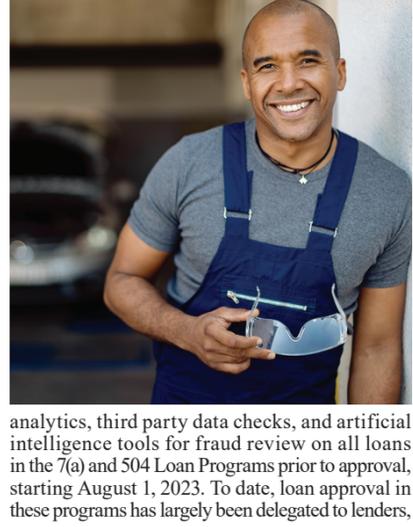
President Biden's Invest in America agenda has paved the way for historic economic progress—over 12.7 million jobs created and a small business boom of 10.5 million new business applications in 2021 and 2022. At the same time, SBA recognizes that small businesses, particularly those owned by individuals in underserved communities who are highly entrepreneurial, face longstanding barriers in accessing capital needed to start or grow their businesses. To that end, building on the new rules, SBA announced its plans to:

Streamline eligibility determination of loans

To reduce the burden on SBA lenders and streamline operations, SBA will bring eligibility determination on SBA loans in-house through new technology starting August 1, 2023, which will ensure more lenders can focus on their customers and expand capacity to increase lending, especially small-dollar lending.

Add new fraud review on all loans

Building on President Biden's commitment to root out fraud, the SBA will use advanced data



analytics, third party data checks, and artificial intelligence tools for fraud review on all loans in the 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs prior to approval, starting August 1, 2023. To date, loan approval in these programs has largely been delegated to lenders.

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Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Stephanie Workman, 478-919-7652, stephanie.workman@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
Learn about SBA's new Veteran Small Business Certification program, which has been transferred from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to SBA. Certification with SBA allows service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) to compete for sole-source and set-aside federal contracts across the federal government. Certified veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) have additional opportunities to pursue sole-source and set-aside contracts at the Veterans Administration (VA) under the VA's Vets First program. Register for this free webinar at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/federal-contracting-veteran-small-business-certification-program-tickets-631019665807>

SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar
Thursday, June 1, 2023, 9:00 am–11:00 am
Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division
Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

Starting a new business? Looking for capital and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently held online during the pandemic) is offered on the first Thursday of every month. To join this free webinar, copy and paste the link below into your browser, then register for tickets for the date of your choice to receive the access code. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/secretary-of-state-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-programs-tickets-262004180557>

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
Thursday, June 22, 2023, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm
Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
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