

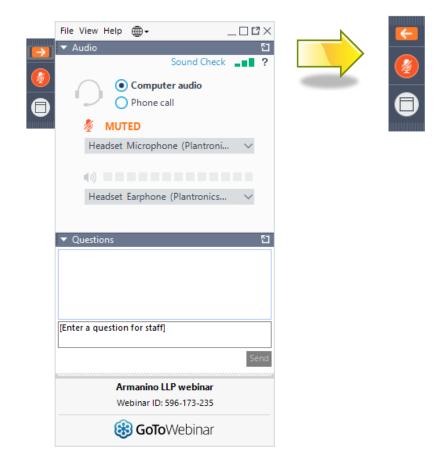
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR PPP FORGIVENESS?

The facts about Payroll Protection Program & how to make sure you qualify for loan forgiveness



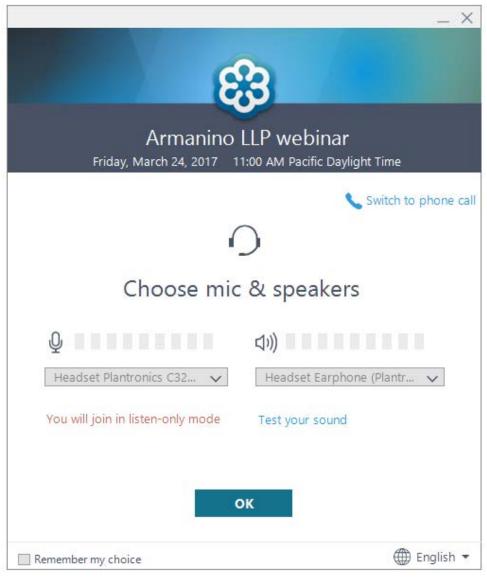


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#### **PPP Loan Forgiveness Overview**

- Maximum forgivable amount is equal to the amount spent on qualifying payroll costs and specific operating expenses
- 8-week period
- Forgiveness will be reduced, if # of FTEs is lower than the baseline period
- Forgiveness may be further reduced, if wages are reduced past threshold
- Any unforgiven amount must be repaid over 2 years at a 1% interest rate, with deferred payments for at least 6 months from date of the loan
- Ensure your spending is provable
- Develop a strategy for maximizing forgiveness and what to do with remaining funds



### Allowable Use of PPP Funds – Payroll Costs

- Salary, wage, commission, tips, or similar compensation capped at \$100K annualized, or \$1,923/week during the 8 weeks, or \$15,385 in total
- Employer portion of group health care benefits, including insurance premiums
- Employer portion of retirement benefits
- Employer portion of state or local tax assessed on the compensation of employees







# Allowable Use of PPP Funds - Other Costs

- Payments of interest on a covered mortgage for real and tangible personal property
- Rent under a lease agreement for real or personal property
- Covered utility payments
- All of the above needed to be in place before 2/15/20
- Also allowed: Interest on any pre-existing, non-mortgage debt obligations

Interest on pre-existing debt is clearly allowed under the Act in the section called "Allowable Uses of Covered Loans," but is *not included in the Forgiveness* calculation



#### **Forgiveness Math**

- 75% or more of both <u>loan proceeds</u> and <u>loan amount spent</u> in the 8-week Covered Period ("forgiveness amount") are intended to be used for payroll costs; up to 25% may be used for non-payroll costs
- Forgiveness Amount will be reduced ...
  - If there is any reduction in <u>any employee's</u> average Salary/Wages greater than 25% during the 8-week period as compared to Q1 2020 (includes only employees under \$100K <u>annualized</u> in any pay period in 2019) – this is a dollar for dollar reduction
  - Proportionately to any reduction in number of FTE from one of two base periods compared to the number of FTE over the 8-week usage period – this is a percentage reduction calculated on the Gross Forgiveness Amount less the Salary/Wage reduction above
  - The combination of your Gross Forgiveness Amount (the amount you spent) less the two reduction factors gives you your "Modified Forgiveness Total"
- To determine Net Forgiveness Amount, compare your Modified Forgiveness Total to (Payroll Costs/0.75) and choose the smaller figure



#### Forgiveness Math, cont.

- Safe Harbor: Borrowers whose average FTEs between 2/15/20 and 4/26/20 was lower than 2/15/20, and re-hire them by 6/30/20, will not be subject to the FTE Reduction Factor
- Safe Harbor: Borrowers who reduced salaries between 2/15/20 4/26/20 as compared to 2/15/20, and restore them by 6/30/20, will not be subject to the Salary/Wage Reduction Factor
- Treasury has clarified that spending includes BOTH "costs incurred" and "payments made" during the Covered Period for all expense categories
- Borrowers can also select an Alternative Covered Period for payroll costs only
  - Aligns with payroll periods to make it easier
  - Only available to weekly/bi-weekly payors
- Further SBA guidance is expected



## Forgiveness Math – Two Examples

	ABC Co. Laid off 20% of staff on 3/15/20 Reduced salaries 30% on 3/15/20	
Loan Amount	\$1,000,000	
Amount Spent (Gross Forgiveness Amount)	\$600,000	
Payroll Costs	\$450,000	
Payroll Percentage	75%	
Salary/Wage Reduction Factor (\$\$)	(\$200,000)	
FTE Reduction Quotient (%)	80%	
Modified Forgiveness Total	\$320,000 [(\$600K-\$200K)*0.8]	
Payroll Costs/0.75	\$600,000	
Net Forgiveness Amount	\$320,000	
Amount Owed on Loan	\$680,000	





## Forgiveness Math – Two Examples

	ABC Co. Laid off 20% of staff on 3/15/20 Reduced salaries 30% on 3/15/20	XYZ Co. Laid off 33% of staff on 1/15/20 Reduced salaries by 33% on 2/1/20
Loan Amount	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Amount Spent (Gross Forgiveness Amount)	\$600,000	\$600,000
Payroll Costs	\$450,000	\$360,000
Payroll Percentage	75%	60%
Salary/Wage Reduction Factor (\$\$)	(\$200,000)	(\$0)
FTE Reduction Quotient (%)	80%	100%
Modified Forgiveness Total	\$320,000 [(\$600K-\$200K)*0.8]	\$600,000
Payroll Costs/0.75	\$600,000	\$480,000
Net Forgiveness Amount	\$320,000	\$480,000
Amount Owed on Loan	\$680,000	\$520,000



#### **Additional Consideration**

- If your loan amount was over \$2 million, make sure you "qualify" for the loan and can demonstrate "need"
   E.g. No alternative funding sources available
- Document your perceived need now, based on your business outlook at the time you applied, so it's ready for SBA audit
- Keep in mind FAQ #31: "all borrowers must assess their economic need for a PPP loan under the standard established by the CARES Act and the PPP regulations at the time of the loan application"







#### **Best Practices**

- Build a 2-year forecast
  - Plan how the money will be spent
  - Determine whether you should retain additional, unforgiven funds
- Segregate funds in a separate account
- Be transparent with use of funds for clean audit trail
  - Keep in mind that not all payroll expense will factor into the forgiveness calculation, nor will mortgage debt principal payments
- Keep a running total of expenditures, with notes, in a spreadsheet pending further guidance on the term "costs incurred and payments made," assume cash basis
- Collect and maintain documentation for every expense against PPP funds
- Adhere to your published payroll cycles





#### **Expected Documentation**

- Certification of accuracy
- Certification that funds were used for allowable purposes
- Form 941 for Covered Period
- State quarterly unemployment insurance tax reporting forms
- Payroll processor records documenting headcount, individual compensation, and retirement or health insurance contributions for each payroll during Covered Period
- Hours from payroll report confirming FTE data

- Accounting records and payment advice or other evidence for covered operating expenses
- Bank statement for loan account
- 2019 Schedule C if self-employed
- If self-employed, copy of the Owner's Income Statement for the Covered Period and evidence of payments to the Owner equivalent to the loan amount
- Completed forgiveness application supplied by lender





#### **The Simple Summary**

- Plan ahead for PPP forgiveness
  - Usage of funds inclusive of a staffing plan
  - Manage compliance through tracking of your essential business operating costs
- Plan a path for liquidity through uncertainty
- Forgiveness is an extremely technical and complicated process with significant liability attached to it



# Frequently Asked Questions



#### **FAQs**

#### **PROGRAM QUESTIONS:**

- 1. My eight-week period won't allow me to make four regularly scheduled payrolls and two monthly rent payments. What do I do?
- What happens to my "covered period" if I received my funds after May 6th? My 8 weeks runs out after June 30th.
- 3. Are payments made with forgiven funds deductible?
- 4. What happens if I don't use all the money?
- 5. Do I have to re-hire everyone? And can I fire them all again on 7/1?

#### **USE OF FUNDS QUESTIONS:**

- 6. Can I use PPP funds to pay bonuses?
- 7. Can I use PPP funds to make 2019 profit sharing contributions?
- 8. Can I use PPP funds to buy inventory?
- 9. If owners are paid by K-1 rather than W-2, are those payments eligible as payroll costs?
- 10. Are owner health premiums an eligible use of PPP funds?
- 11. What expenses are considered "Utilities"?
- 12. Can property taxes and insurance be included as "rent costs" under a triple-net lease?
- 13. If we deferred our March rent and pay it during the Covered Period, is it forgivable?
- 14. Are payments to temp agencies considered payroll costs?
- 15. Am I restricted in my uses of leftover funds?





#### **FAQs**

#### **FORGIVENESS QUESTIONS:**

- 16. Does forgiveness use the same \$100,000 payroll cost per person limit as the loan application calculation?
- 17. Can I include the payroll cost in the forgiveness calculation for people I did not include in the loan application (e.g. equity partners)?
- 18. Will severance or PTO payouts (not accruals) count in compensation for forgiveness?
- 19. If I don't think I can get to the 75% payroll threshold for forgiveness, can I repay some of my loan now to lower my denominator and better my chances?
- 20. Do HSA contributions to employees count as health insurance benefits for forgiveness?

- 21. Is there any forgiveness difference between employer payments for Defined Contribution Plans vs. Defined Benefit Plans?
- 22. Can I include union fees I'm required to pay in benefits?
- 23. If we restrict overtime for hourly employees or suspend bonus payments for salaried staff, is that a wage reduction?
- 24. Can self-employed have non-payroll forgiven?
- 25. What is the definition of an FTE?
- 26. If an employee resigns during the Covered Period, does that affect the reduction calculation?
- 27. How long after my Covered Period do I have to file my forgiveness application with the bank?







# **Additional Q&A**





# Resources and Guidance

