

Welcome Ohio Trucking Association COVID-19 Legislation Explained



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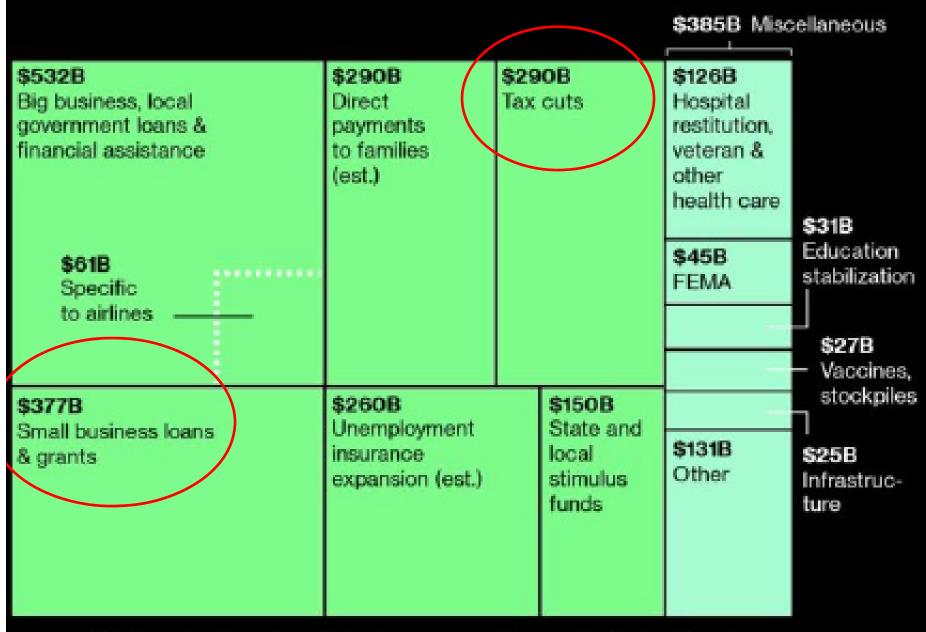
Agenda

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
 - Paycheck Protection Program SBA 7a Loan
 - Employee Retention Credit Program
 - Payroll Tax Deferral Program
 - Income tax provisions
- Moderated Questions Submit to Questions through Chat
- Wrap-Up



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

Where \$2 Trillion in U.S. Rescue Funds Will Go



Source: U.S. Senate, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Bloomberg research

Bloomberg

- Under the Small Business Administration (SBA)
 - + \$349B in Funds Available
 - Eligible recipients may qualify for a loan up to \$10 million
 - Loan payments will be deferred for six months.
 - If you maintain your workforce, SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first 8 weeks of payroll and certain other expenses following loan origination.

- Eligibility
 - Business impacted by COVID-19
 - Less than 500 employees
 - Includes sole proprietors, independent contractors and selfemployed
 - Certain industries may have more than 500, if meet SBA size standards
 - General Freight Trucking \$30M annual receipts
 - Were you in business prior to February 15, 2020?
 - Watch out for affiliation rules!

- Loan Basics/Features
 - Loan amount is 2.5 x average monthly payroll for the last
 12 months, not to exceed \$10M
 - Interest rate is .5%, fixed
 - Loan due in 2 years
 - Deferral of Interest and Principal for 6 months
 - No personal guarantees
 - No collateral, nonrecourse
 - No fees for application
 - No prepayment penalty

- Payroll costs defined for <u>Employers</u>
 - salary, wage, commission, or similar compensation (capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis);
 - payment of cash tip or equivalent;
 - payment for vacation, parental, family, medical, or sick leave;
 - allowance for dismissal or separation;
 - payment required for the provisions of group health care benefits, including insurance premiums;
 - payment of any retirement benefit; or
 - payment of state or local tax assessed on the compensation of employees

- Payroll costs defined for <u>Independent</u>
 <u>Contractors/Carriers</u>
 - Any compensation to or income that is a wage, commission, income, net earnings from selfemployment, or similar compensation and that is in an amount that is not more than \$100,000 in one year, as pro-rated for the covered period.

Documentation

- Lenders will also ask you for a good faith certification that:
 - 1. The uncertainty of current economic conditions makes the loan request necessary to support ongoing operations
 - 2. The borrower will use the loan proceeds to retain workers and maintain payroll or make mortgage, lease, and utility payments
 - 3. Borrower does not have an application pending for a loan duplicative of the purpose and amounts applied for here
 - 4. From Feb. 15, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020, the borrower has not received a loan duplicative of the purpose and amounts applied for here (Note: There is an opportunity to fold emergency loans made between Jan. 31, 2020 and the date this loan program becomes available into a new loan)

- Loan Forgiveness
 - Based upon 8-week period starting with origination of loan
 - Proceeds must be used for -
 - Payroll Costs, as previously defined (slide 9) \$100k cap
 - Payment of interest of mortgage obligation
 - Rent
 - Utilities (electricity, gas, water, transportation, telephone, or internet)
 - Interest on previous debt
 - 75% of proceeds must be used for payroll costs

- Loan Forgiveness Reductions
 - Reduction could occur if
 - 1. Reduction in number of FTEs, OR
 - 2. Reduction in GREATER than 25% in wages paid to employees
 - FTE reduction
 - Avg per Month FTE's 8-week period / Avg per Month FTEs Feb.
 15, 2019 to June 30, 2019
 - Salary reduction
 - Employees under \$100k with greater than 25% wage reduction (annualized)

- When can you apply?
 - Friday, April 3rd Small business and sole-proprietors
 - Friday, April 10th Independent contractors and Selfemployed individuals

https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Application-3-30-2020-v3.pdf.

Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit

- Refundable payroll tax credit
 - Up to \$5,000 for each employee
 - For wages paid after March 12, 2020 and before
 January 1, 2021
- Certain conditions must be met:
 - Organization was carrying on a trade or business during calendar year 2020
 - Trade or business is fully or partially suspended
 - Drop in at least 50% of revenue in any quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter of 2019

Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit

- What are qualified wages?
 - Less than 100 employees
 - All wages to all employees count during furlough or "drop in receipts" period
 - More than 100 employees COMPLICATED
 - Count only wages paid to someone who was NOT providing services during furlough or "drop in receipts" period
- Eligible wages
 - Includes qualified health plan expenses allocable to wages but to extent amounts are excluded from employee's gross income
- *Credit not available if an organization is receiving Small Business Interruption Loan – Paycheck Protection Program

Employer Payroll Tax Payment Deferral

- Available to all employers including self-employed individuals
- Effective for payment due dates after March 27, 2020
- Deferral of employer share of social security tax (6.2%)
- Does not apply to employer share of Medicare taxes
- NO deferral of employee withholdings
 - Trust Fund Recovery Penalty (TFRP) applies
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Changes to Interest Limitation Rules

Old Law:

 Beginning in 2018, the "business interest expense" of many businesses is limited to 30% of a new term of ATI, "adjusted taxable income."

New Law:

- For 2019 and 2020, the 30% of ATI floor is increased to 50%.
- For a partnership, the 30% limit still applies for 2019, but
 - Any excess business interest allocation to the partner:
 - 50% of the interest is freed up in 2020 and not subject to limitation
 - 50% is subject to the same limitations as under current law.
- In 2020, a taxpayer can elect to use 2019 ATI.

Changes to Net Operating Loss Rules

Old Law:

- Beginning in 2018, net operating losses could not be carried back, only carried forward
- Carried forward NOL could only offset 80% of taxable income

New Law:

 Net operating losses for 2018, 2019 and 2020 can be carried back up to five years and offset 100% of income back and forwards until 2021

Changes to Individual Loss Rules

Old Law:

- For 2018-2025, "excess business losses" of an individual were limited to \$250,000 (if single; \$500,000 if married filing jointly)
- Wages counted as business income.

New Law:

- Limitation above were suspended for 2018, 2019 and 2020
- In 2021 rule kicks back in and wages will NOT count

Qualified Improvement Property

Old Law:

39 year property not eligible for 100% bonus depreciation

New Law:

 15 year life and eligible for 100% bonus depreciation (retroactive to 2018 tax year)

Stimulus Payments

- \$1,200 per Single (\$2,400 MFJ)
- \$500 per dependent/child
- Phase-out begins \$75k Single (\$150k MFJ)
- MFJ \$2,400 credit fully phased out at \$198k
 - 5% for every \$100 taxable income in excess of \$150k
- Initial checks based off of 2019 return
 - If 2019 not filed, will rely on 2018
- Credit computation on 2020 return, if greater reduces taxes, if lower – no repayment
- Payments to go out within 3 weeks and those with direct deposit will likely get first



Questions





COVID-19 Updates

For up-to-date information on legislation, please visit our firm's COVID-19 resource page:

https://www.schneiderdowns.com/our-thoughts-on/category/Coronavirus