

SBA Information Notice

TO: All SBA Employees and 7(a) Lenders

CONTROL NO.: 5000-19021

SUBJECT: 7(a) Fees Effective for the Period October 1, 2019 through November 21, 2019

EFFECTIVE: 10/01/2019

Each year SBA reviews certain fees payable to SBA by 7(a) Lenders ("Lenders") and borrowers to determine the appropriate amount required to cover the estimated costs of the 7(a) loan program. This Notice announces the annual service fee (also known as the "on-going guaranty fee") and the upfront guaranty fee for all 7(a) loans approved from October 1, 2019, through November 21, 2019, the period covered by the Continuing Resolution ("CR") recently signed by the President.

SBA is unable to provide any upfront guaranty or annual service fee relief for any 7(a) loans approved during the CR period regardless of size of the loan, location of the small business, or any other prior fee relief initiatives (including veteran-owned small business fee relief under SBA Express).

Annual Service and Upfront Guaranty Fees for All 7(a) Loans.

The following fees are effective for all 7(a) loans approved October 1, 2019, through November 21, 2019:

- 1) The annual service fee will be 0.55% (55 basis points) of the guaranteed portion of the outstanding balance of the loan. Lenders must manually adjust this fee in the current Authorization Wizard.
- 2) The upfront guaranty fee will continue to depend on the loan amount and the maturity of the loan.
 - a) For loans with a maturity that exceeds 12 months, the fees are:
 - i) For loans of \$150,000 or less: 2% of the guaranteed portion. Lenders may continue to retain no more than 25% of this fee (i.e., at least 1.5% must be remitted to SBA).
 - ii) For loans of \$150,001 to \$700,000: 3% of the guaranteed portion.
 - iii) For loans of \$700,001 to \$5,000,000: 3.5% of the guaranteed portion up to \$1,000,000, plus 3.75% of the guaranteed portion over \$1,000,000.

b) For loans with a maturity of 12 months or less, the fee is 0.25% of the guaranteed portion.

When two or more SBA-guaranteed loans are approved within 90 days of each other, the guaranty percentage and upfront guaranty fee are determined based on the aggregate amount of the loans. Lenders are not permitted to split loans for the purpose of avoiding fees. This represents no change to current policy.

For specific guidance on when all 7(a) loan fees are due, see SOP 50 10 5(K), Subpart B, Chapter 3, Paragraph V.B.

Questions concerning this Notice should be directed to the Lender Relations Specialist in the local SBA Field Office. The local SBA Field Office may be found on the <u>Local Assistance Page</u> of SBA's website.

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