



Small Business Administration providing Disaster Relief Applications

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has opened a link to submit applications for Disaster Loans. It is suggested, in previous email, that you download the paper application forms to prepare your data prior to beginning the online application.

If your business is either a home-based or a sole proprietorship, use the collection of forms under Form 5C, otherwise, the forms under the heading Form 5 may be more appropriate.

[Paper Loan Forms](#)

[APPLY](#)

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a series of Webinars utilizing the downloadable Power Point presentation. Four sessions will be available per day on March 24th, 26th and 27th, 2020. More information to follow next week on how to participate in this training.



Webinar Slide Show
SBA Requirements & Disaster Loan Portal
[\(click on image to see document\)](#)

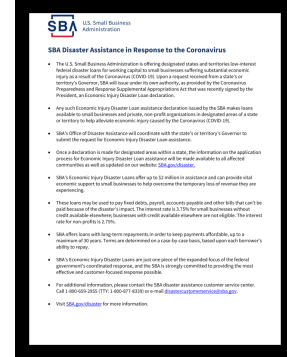
Situation.

There are also a number of resources to aid you in considering options of how to proceed in light of the current COVID-19 situation. Take a few minutes and research the following data to see if any of this may be relevant for your business.

[COVID-19 SBA Assistance](#)

[Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Resource Links](#)

[COVID-19 Info \(general info\)](#)



Special Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Business and Employer Services

If you are a business owner or HR representative for an employer considering work stoppages, layoffs or furloughs, we encourage you to contact our Business Services team. We will get back to you within one (1) business day, or sooner, to discuss information and services that may assist impacted employees, including Unemployment Insurance, tax assistance, layoff aversion strategies, financial planning, remote access career services and more. In the meantime, here is the website and phone number to give affected employees.

If you are a worker who has been totally or partially separated from your job due to Coronavirus, please note that no claim for unemployment insurance may be filed or processed until an actual lay off from employment has occurred, or until there has been an actual reduction in hours. When filing your claim for unemployment benefits, please be sure to check the reason for separation as Lack of Work/Lay off.

You may file a claim for unemployment insurance through this Website by clicking the link below to File a new claim for unemployment benefits or through our Customer Contact Center by calling **1-866-832-2363 Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.**

[Virginia Employment Commission](#)

Business Questions? - Hampton Roads Workforce Council/Greater Peninsula Workforce Board Business Services - Steve Cook - scook@vcwhamptonroads.org

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