

### **Paycheck Protection Program**

### Direct Forgiveness Portal User Guide

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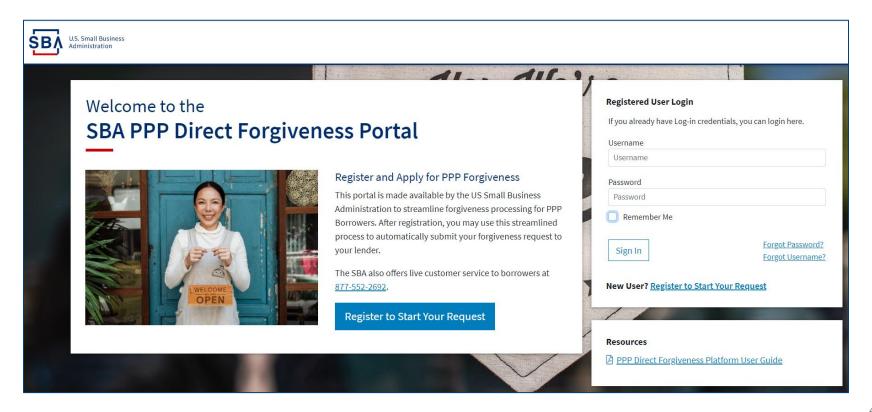
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Registration

- The PPP Direct Forgiveness Portal can be accessed at <a href="https://directforgiveness.sba.gov">https://directforgiveness.sba.gov</a>
- The Direct Forgiveness Portal allows PPP borrowers to apply for forgiveness directly to the SBA using forms 3508, 3508EZ, or 3508S.
- Using MS Edge or Google Chrome browsers is recommended for an optimal experience.
- New Registration will be required to utilize this portal.



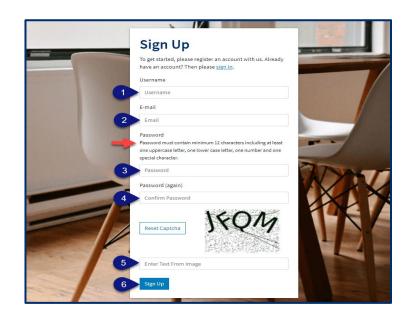


### **Direct Forgiveness Portal – New Registration**

To begin, \*\* Select - Register to Start your Application



- 1. Enter Create a unique username
- 2. Enter Use your email address
  - Business should have access to this email at any given time
  - Email addresses CANNOT be changed once registration is created
- 3. Enter a password
  - Passwords MUST meet security criteria
- 4. **Re-enter** your password
- 5. Enter Captcha Characters





### **Direct Forgiveness Portal – Registration Emails**

Registrants will receive <u>two</u> emails to complete registration and grant access to the portal. Complete each step to gain access to the application portal.









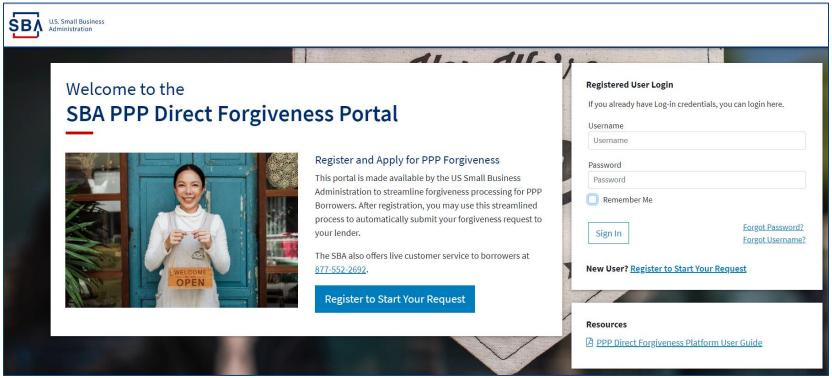


Once you provide and verify your e-mail address, it CANNOT be changed.

### Direct Forgiveness Portal – Sign In

Once registration is complete and confirmation emails have been acknowledged, applicants can access the PPP Direct Forgiveness Portal.

- 1. Enter the Username created
- 2. Enter the Password created



Password reset and forgot password links are available.

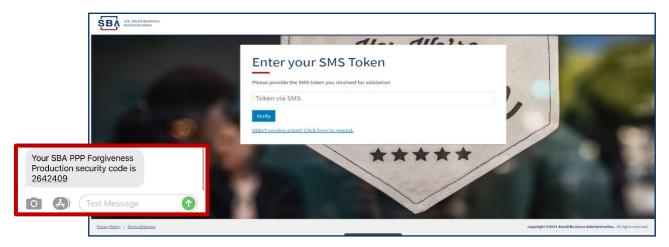


#### **SMS Two-Factor Authentication**

All Platform users will encounter two-factor authentication upon login. A US based mobile number must be used. The provider must not be a VOIP (Voice Over IP) phone carrier.



A text message will be sent to the mobile phone provided.





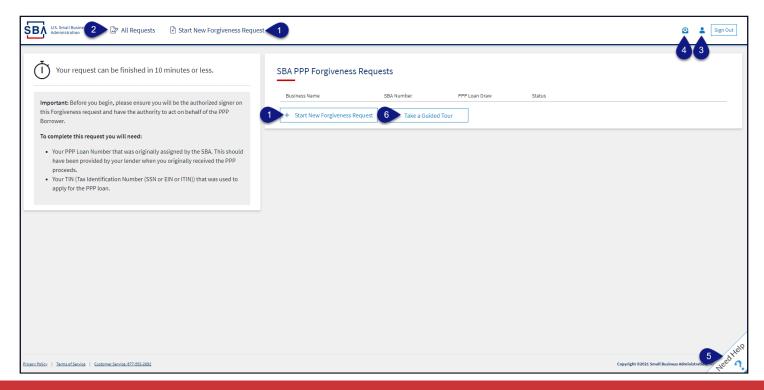


# Beginning an Application & Form Selection

#### **Direct Forgiveness Portal – Home Page**

The Portal has many tools to help simplify the submission process.

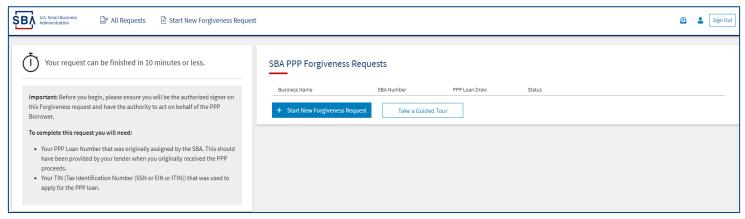
- Start New Forgiveness Request
- 2. Access previously started/submitted Forgiveness Requests
- 3. View and Edit Profile
- 4. View Inbox (Messages to/from SBA)
- 5. Help Review FAQs and tips for Application submission
- 6. Take a Guided Tour This provides step by step instructions to the application.



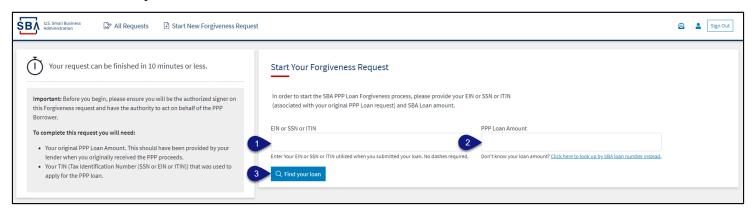


#### **Start New Request**

#### **Select** - Start New Forgiveness Request



- 1. Enter EIN, SSN, or ITIN
- 2. Enter SBA Loan Amount
- 3. Select Find your loan



Security measures are in place that will prevent duplicate applications.



#### 3508 Form Selection

Applicants with loans for \$150,000 or less will be automatically directed to use 3508S form.

Applicants with loan amounts **over \$150,000** will be asked to gauge their eligibility to use the *3508EZ* form. They will check the appropriate boxes and select the correct form before continuing. Applicants who do not qualify for the *3508 EZ* form will use the *3508 Full* form.

Form Selection

Form Selection

Please select which form you would like to complete.

\*If you fullfil at least one of the two conditions above, you may choose to complete SBA Form 3508EZ. If you are unable to fulfil one of the above conditions, you cannot use SBA Form 3508EZ and instead you must apply for forgiveness of your PPP loan using SBA Form 3508.

Please select your form to proceed:

@ 3508 Full

○ 3508 EZ



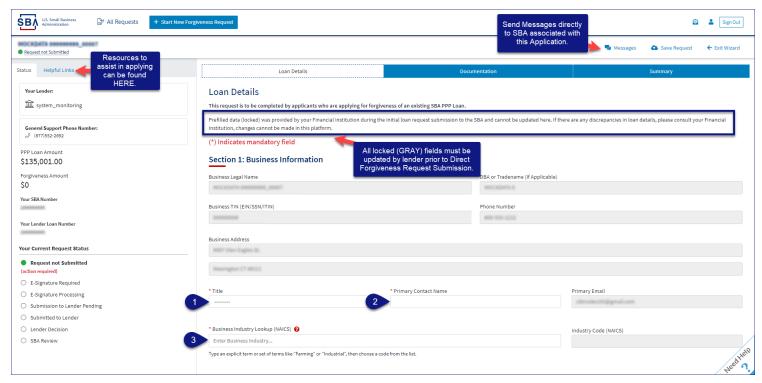


Form 3508S

#### Loan Details - 3508S

Most loan information will populate and be locked for edit. Any incorrect information must be updated through PPP Lender prior to Forgiveness request submission.

- 1. Select Appropriate Title from Drop-Down.
- 2. Enter Primary Contact (First/Last) Name.
- 3. Enter Business Industry Lookup (Select Best Option).

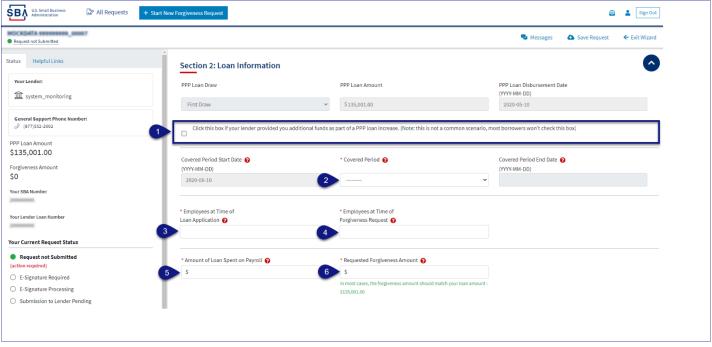






#### Loan Details - 3508S (cont'd)

- Check Box If lender provided additional funds as part of a PPP loan increase after initial disbursement. (Not Common)
- 2. Select Covered Period from Drop-Down (8 Weeks, 24 Weeks, or Between 8 and 24 Weeks)
- 3. Enter Number of Employees at time of PPP Loan Application
- **4.** Enter Number of Employees at time of Loan Forgiveness Request (today)
- 5. Enter Amount of PPP spent on Payroll
- **6. Enter** Requested Forgiveness Amount

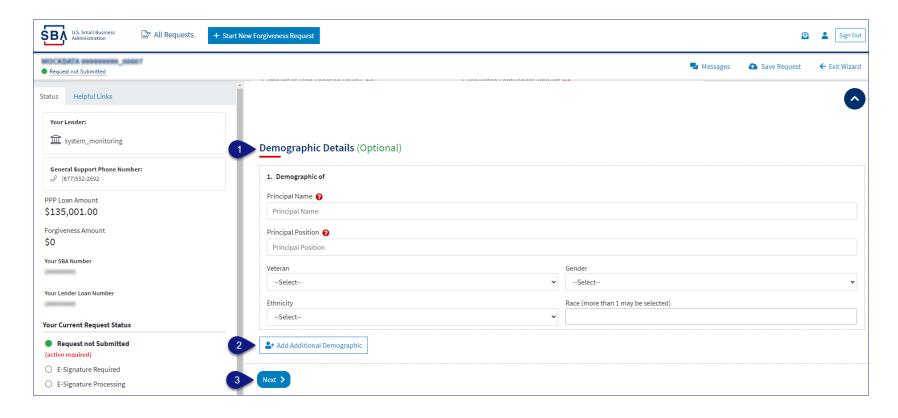






#### Loan Details – 3508S Demographics

- 1. Enter Demographic Details (Optional & WILL NOT impact Forgiveness request).
- 2. **Select** Add Demographic (If Necessary)
- Select Next.



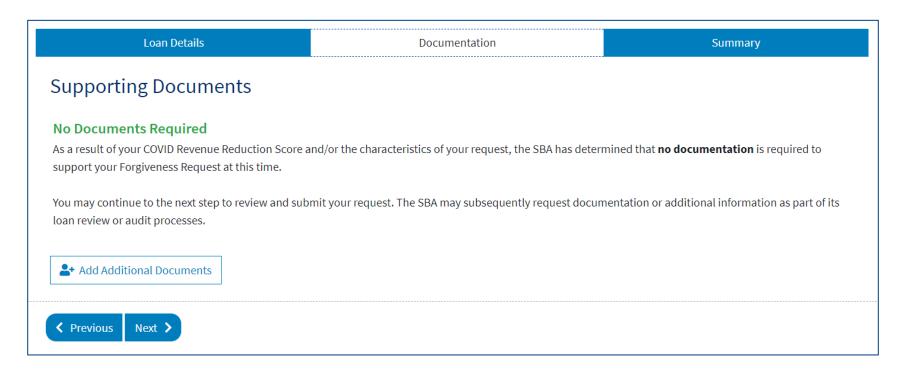


#### Documentation - 3580S

Required documents will be shown on the screen below (if applicable).

**Select** – *Add Additional Documents* to provide documentation.

\*All uploaded documents must be under 35 megabytes in size and not encrypted. Valid file types are: pdf; xls; xlsx; csv; doc; docx; jpg; jpeg; png.





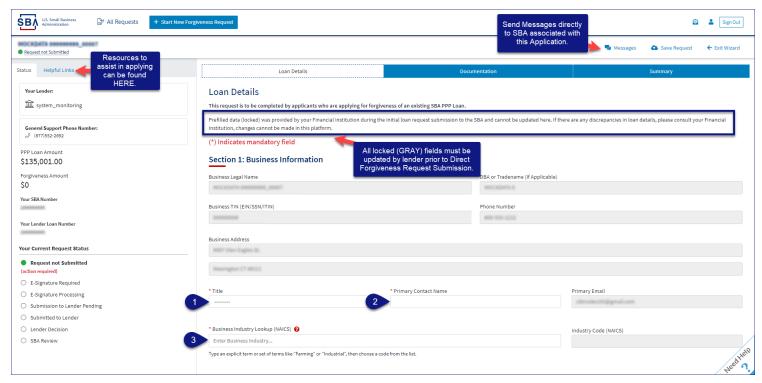


**Form 3508EZ** 

#### Loan Details – 3508EZ

Most loan information will populate and be locked for edit. Any incorrect information must be updated through PPP Lender prior to Forgiveness request submission.

- 1. Select Appropriate Title from Drop-Down.
- 2. Enter Primary Contact (First/Last) Name.
- 3. Enter Business Industry Lookup (Select Best Option).

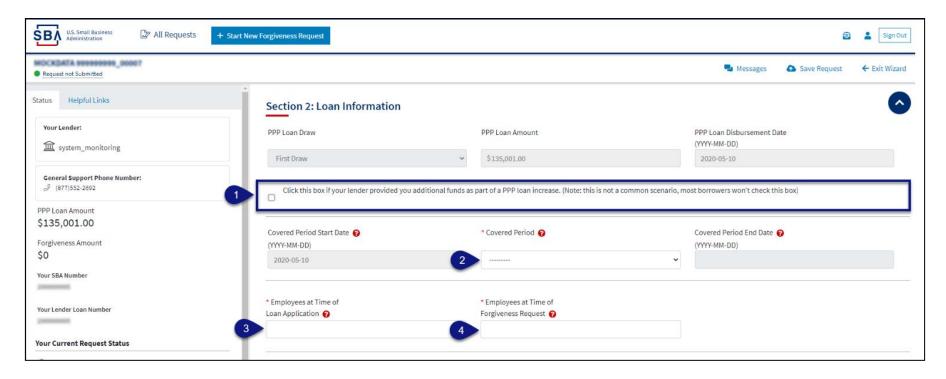






#### Loan Details - 3508EZ (cont'd)

- 1. Check If lender provided additional funds as part of a PPP loan increase after initial disbursement. (Not Common)
- 2. Select Covered Period from Drop-Down (8 Weeks, 24 Weeks, or Between 8 and 24 Weeks)
- 3. Enter Number of Employees at time of PPP Loan Application
- **4. Enter** Number of Employees at time of Loan Forgiveness Request (today)

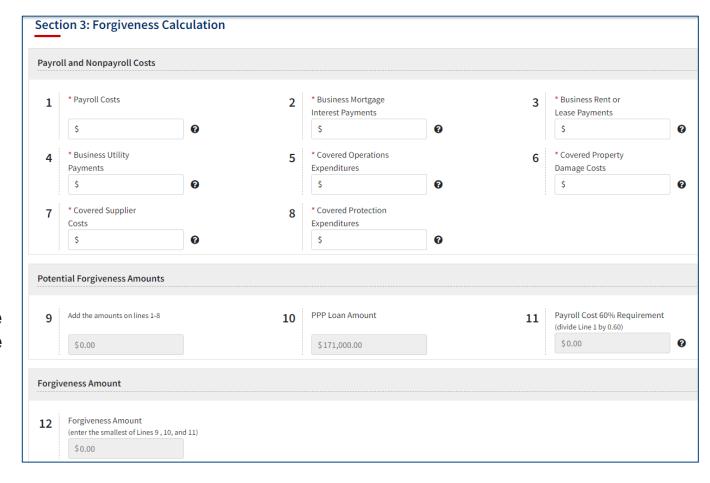




#### Loan Details - 3508EZ (cont'd)

Complete the required fields for Section 3: Forgiveness Calculation. Boxes 1 through 8 are required. The form will auto calculate the fields in gray.

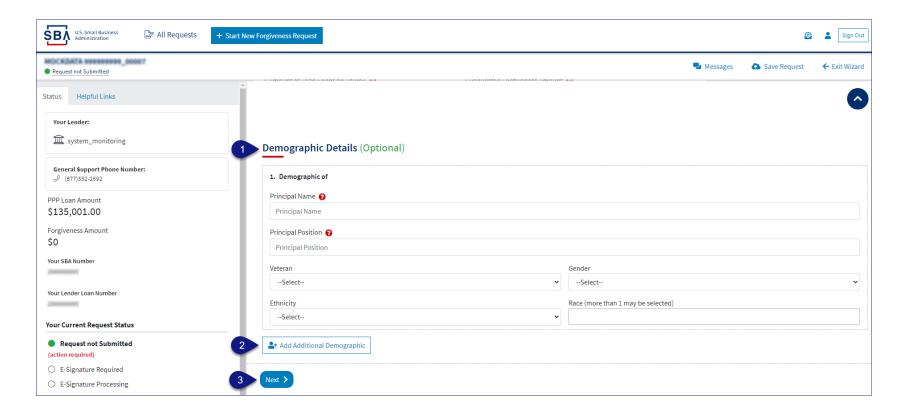
Confirm the requested Forgiveness amount in box 12 is correct before continuing. This will be the amount of loan forgiveness requested from the SBA.





#### Loan Details – 3508EZ Demographics

- 1. Enter Demographic Details (Optional & WILL NOT impact Forgiveness request).
- 2. Select Add Demographic (If Necessary)
- Select Next.





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#### **Documentation – 3508 Full**

Form Selection	Loan Details	Documentation	Summary		
Supporting Documents					
Documentation Required					
Please ensure that you attach at least one of the following documents with your application. To minimize potential back-and-forth, we recommend uploading as many relevant documents as possible.					

Applications using forms 3508 Full or 3508EZ will require at least one document to be uploaded. However, it is recommended that the applicant upload as many documents as are relevant in order to minimize potential back-and-forth later.

Examples of document types are displayed on the screen, but generally include Payroll, Full Time Employee (FTE) documentation, and Nonpayroll Documentation.

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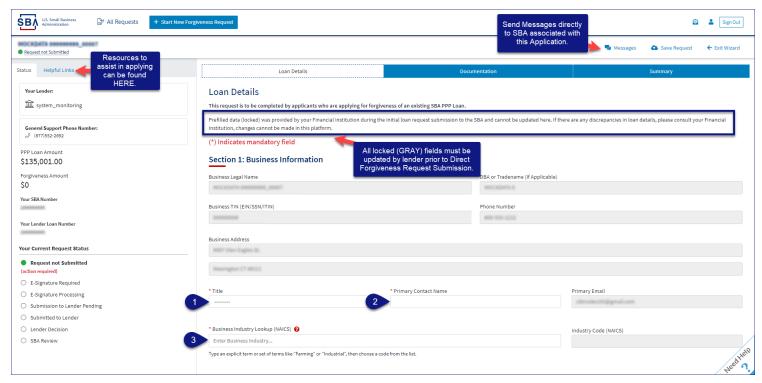


Form 3508 Full

#### Loan Details - 3508 Full

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- 2. Enter Primary Contact (First/Last) Name.
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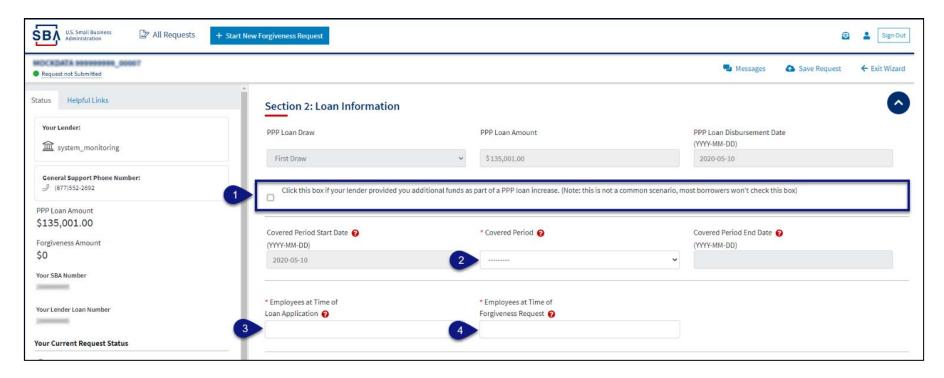






#### Loan Details - 3508 Full (cont'd)

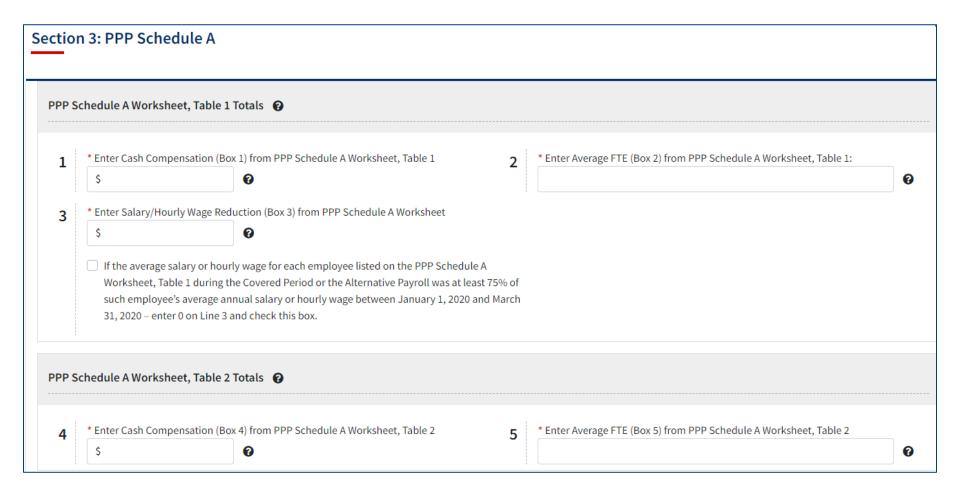
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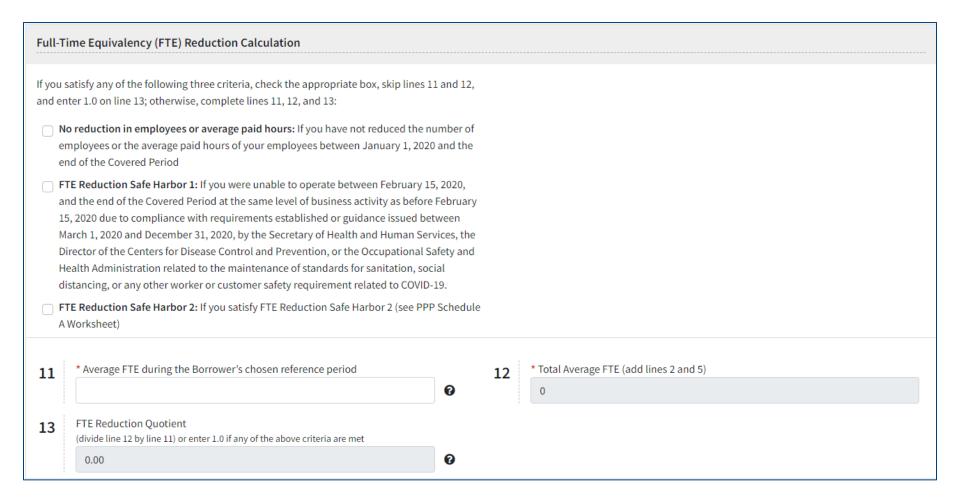
Complete the required fields for Section 3: PPP Schedule A. All boxes are required. The form will automatically calculate the fields in gray.





#### Loan Details – 3508 Full (cont'd)

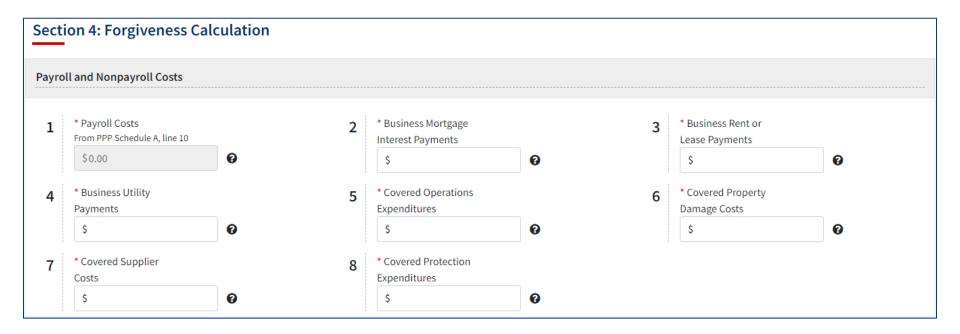
Applicants will evaluate whether any of the check boxes are applicable and select as needed. Fill in box 11. Boxes 12 and 13 will automatically calculate based on prior submissions on the form above.





### Loan Details – 3508 Full (cont'd)

Complete all boxes in Section 4. Box 1 will automatically calculate based on prior submissions on the form above.

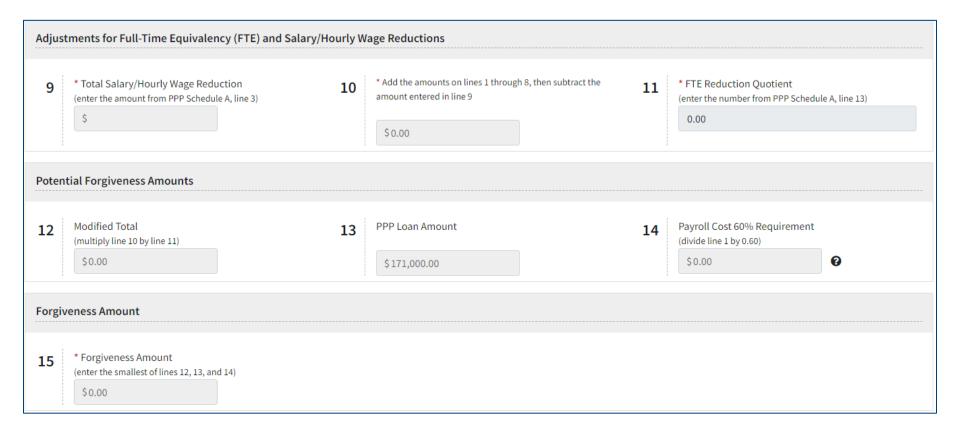




#### Loan Details - 3508 Full (cont'd)

Boxes 9 through 15 will automatically calculate based on prior submissions on the form above.

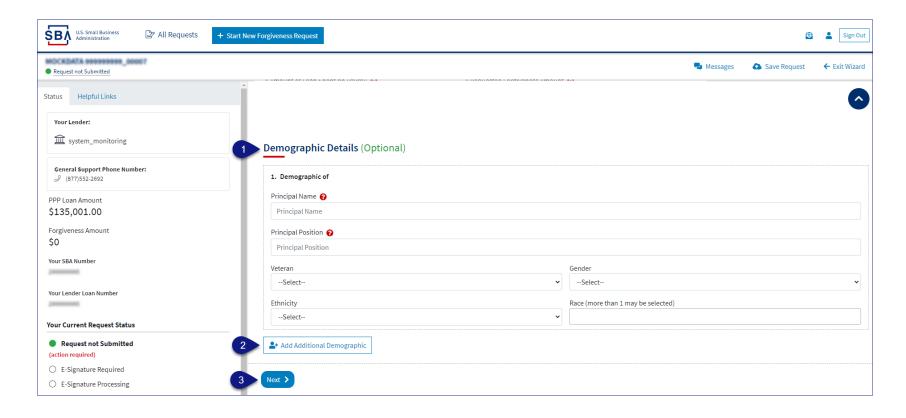
Confirm the requested Forgiveness amount in box 15 is correct before continuing. This will be the amount of loan forgiveness requested from the SBA.





#### Loan Details – 3508 Full Demographics

- 1. Enter Demographic Details (Optional & WILL NOT impact Forgiveness request).
- 2. Select Add Demographic (If Necessary)
- Select Next.





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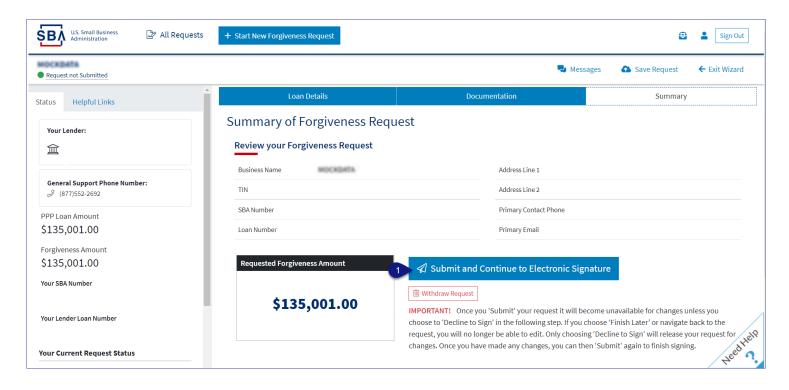


Summary

#### **Submission Summary**

Review all relevant information for accuracy, once signed and submitted, edits can not be made to the application.

- 1. Select Submit and Continue to Electronic Signature
  - Withdraw Request will delete submission
  - Previous will go back in unsubmitted application to allow edits.

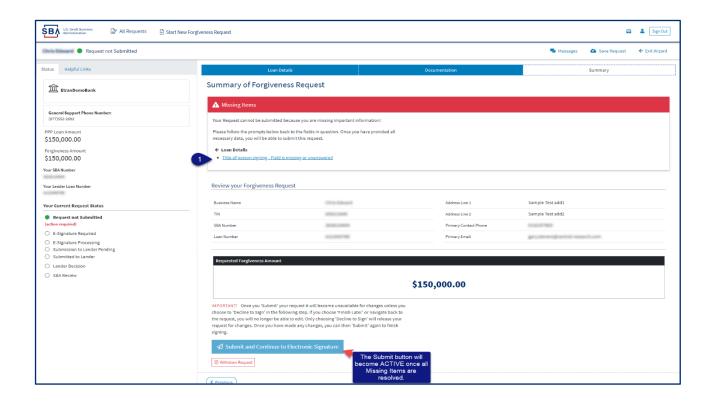




#### **Missing Items Summary**

Missing Items will be outlined prior to submission. The Submit button will be inactive until all Missing Items have been corrected.

Review the specific Missing Item details and then click the Missing Item link to update the appropriate field. **NOTE:** This step may need to be complete multiple times.





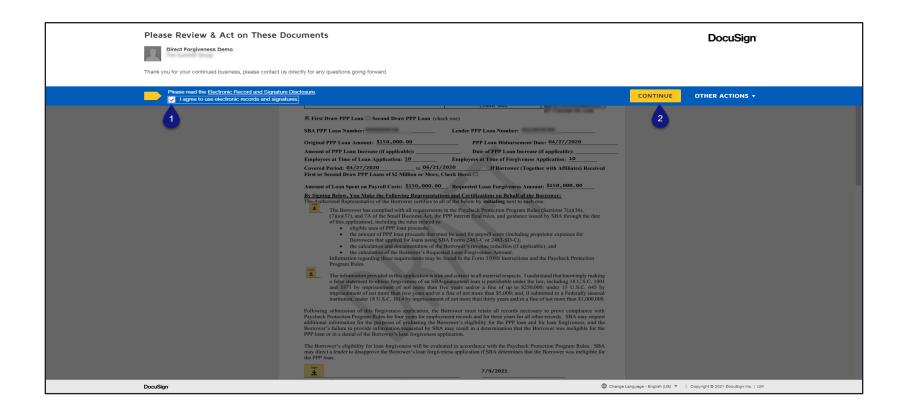


**Application Signing** 

### **DocuSign**

#### Applications will be signed electronically via DocuSign.

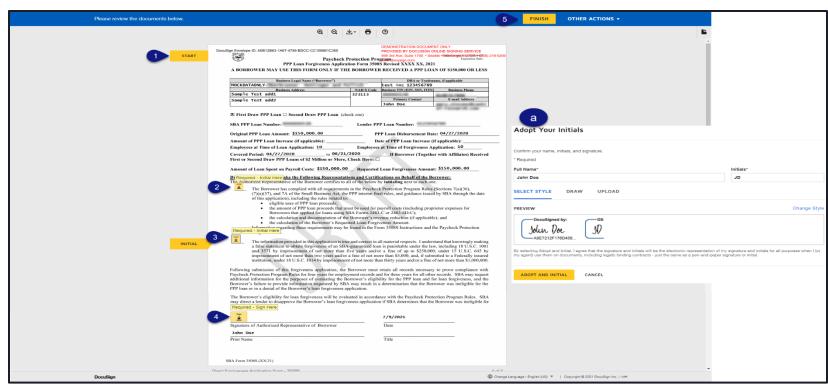
- 1. **Select** I agree to use electronic records and signature.
- 2. Select Continue.





#### DocuSign – Signing

- Select Start.
- 2. Select Initial.
  - a. Pop-Up will allow systematic, drawn, or uploaded signatures to be applied.
- 3. Select Initial.
- 4. Select Sign.
- 5. Select Finish.

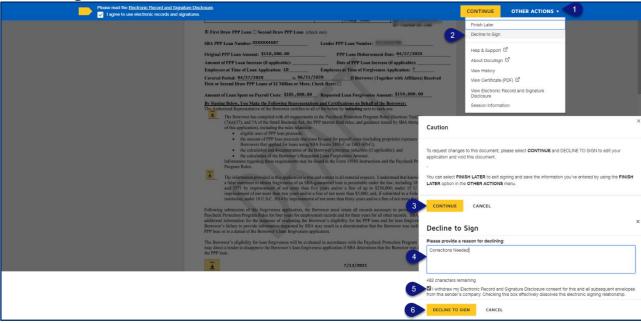




### DocuSign – Decline to Sign

If, after reviewing the application and prior to finishing, corrections are necessary, Applicants can – *Decline to Sign* 

- 1. **Select** Other Actions.
- 2. Select Decline to Sign.
- 3. Select Continue.
- 4. **Select** Reason for declining.
- 5. Check Acknowledgement.
- 6. Select Decline to Sign.

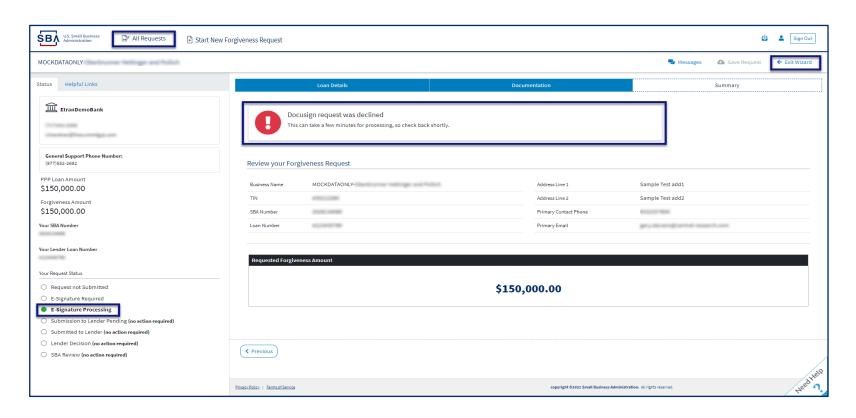




#### **DocuSign – Declined Signature**

Applicants will experience a brief waiting period to make corrections after declining to sign. This should take no more than 5 minutes.

 Applicants can return to All Requests or Exit Wizard to regain access to their application and make necessary edits.





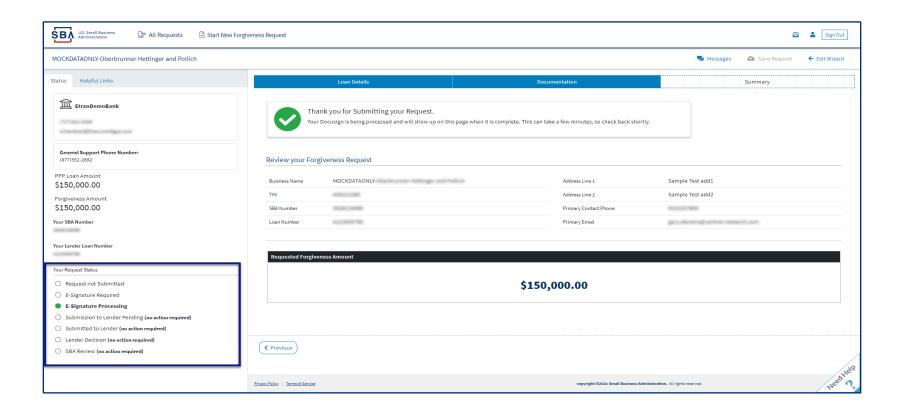


Submitted Applications

#### **Application Submitted**

Once applications are submitted, progress can be reviewed through the portal.

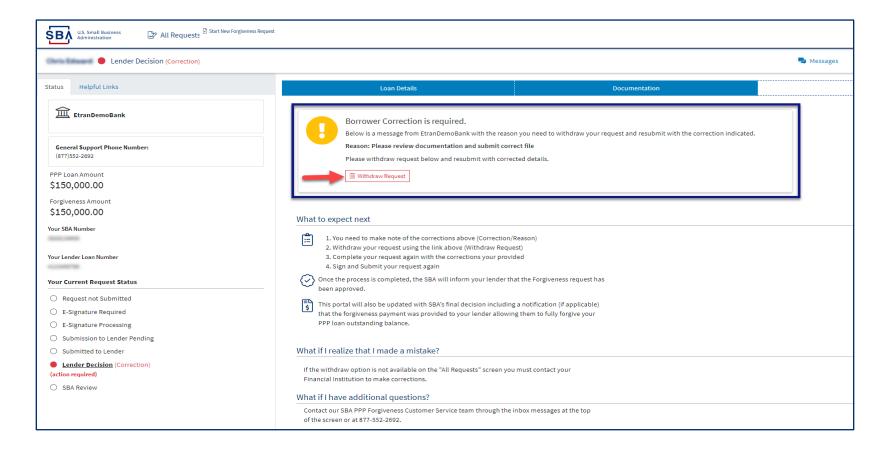
The Call Center is not able to provide details to timelines of forgiveness.





#### **Corrections**

Some applicants may receive an email notifying them of a new correction request from their lender. Details for the correction are located on the *Summary* page. Corrections will require an application withdrawal and resubmission.





#### **SBA Decision**

Once an application moves to SBA Decision, the below letter will be available within the Application Portal for Borrowers as confirmation of forgiveness.



#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, DC 20416

#### NOTICE OF PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM FORGIVENESS PAYMENT

Borrower: Lender of Record: SBA Loan No.: Loan Approval Date: Loan Disbursement Amount: \$

Amount of Forgiveness Requested by Lender: \$ Forgiveness Amount Remitted: \$ in principal and \$ in interest Forgiveness Payment Date:

As authorized by Section 1106 of the CARES Act, SBA has remitted to the Lender of Record the payment listed above for forgiveness of the Borrower's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan.

If any balance remains on the PPP loan after application of the forgiveness payment, the Lender must notify the Borrower of the date on which the first payment is due, and the loan must be repaid by the Borrower on or before the maturity date.

For loans of \$150,000 and less [except for those borrowers that together with their affiliates received loans of \$2 million or greater], the borrower must retain records relevant to the loan forgiveness application that prove compliance with the requirements of Section 7(a)(36) and Section 7A of the Small Business Act—with respect to employment records, for the 4-year period following submission of the loan forgiveness application, and with respect to other records, for the 3-year period following submission of the loan forgiveness application.

For loans greater than \$150,000, the Borrower must retain all records relating to the Borrower's PPP loan for six years from the date the loan is forgiven or repaid in full.

THIS DOCUMENT IS A NOTICE OF PAYMENT ONLY. ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTICE OF PAYMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE THE BORROWER WITH A RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE SBA OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS.





Resources

#### **FAQ**

#### How do I access the portal?

This platform can be accessed by visiting <a href="https://directforgiveness.sba.gov">https://directforgiveness.sba.gov</a>.

#### How do I contact the SBA?

The SBA's PPP Direct Forgiveness Hotline is +1 (877) 552-2692.

#### Where can I find information about Direct Forgiveness?

A Knowledge Base of Frequently Asked Questions can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. This resource is regularly updated.

