



May 1, 2020
PennDOT Certification and Qualification
Temporary COVID-19 Guidance

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued guidance to address the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on DBE certification related issues. For more information, please review [guidance from USDOT](#), effective through May 31, 2020. In response to the guidance, PennDOT will be following these temporary procedures through May 31, 2020 and may be extended, as necessary:

- Allow the filing of unsworn declarations executed under penalty of perjury rather than sworn affidavits.
- Grant extensions to any certified DBE firm whose Annual Update Affidavit is due or past due.
- Extend the timeframe to notify PennDOT of material changes, including, but not limited to, business size, ownership, control, change of address, etc., from 30 days to 60 days.

The temporary procedures apply only to firms certified by PennDOT and those applying for certification with PennDOT. If your firm is certified by one of the other certifying partners in the PA Unified Certification Program (PAUCP), please contact the respective agency, listed at www.paucp.com with questions.

For PennDOT DBE certification questions, contact at: 717.787.5891 or penndotucpinfo@pa.gov

Contractor Qualification Program

- Applications for contractor prequalification continue to be processed in accordance with PennDOT Pub. 637, Engineering and Construction Management System (ECMS) Construction Contractor Manual, Chapter 4 (<https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/Pub%20637.pdf>). All firms whose prequalification certificates are scheduled to expire are encouraged to submit their renewal applications as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in eligibility.

For PennDOT qualification program questions, contact: 717.787.3733 or 717.787.7032.