



U.S. Small Business Administration

# WILL YOU BE WOSB READY?

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) FEDERAL CONTRACTING PROGRAM CERTIFICATION PROCESS

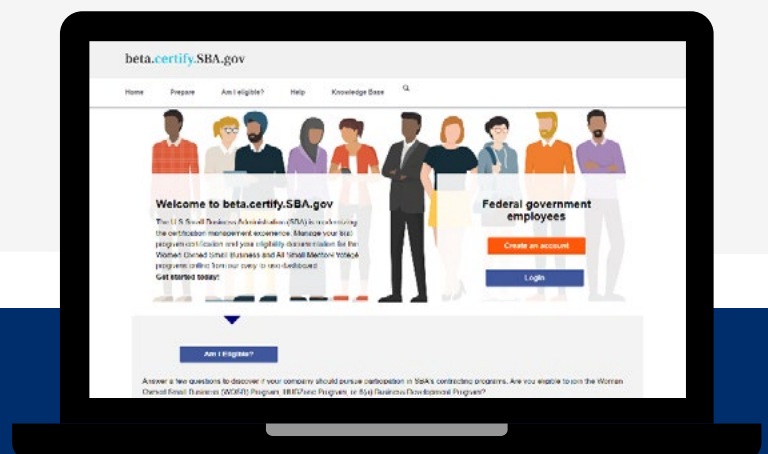
Becoming certified for the WOSB Federal Contracting Program means your business is eligible to compete for contracts that are set aside for WOSBs and economically disadvantaged WOSBs and sole-source federal contracts within eligible industries. New WOSB Federal Contracting Program regulations were published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2020, detailing changes to the certification process.

### DON'T MISS OUT!

Starting July 15, visit [beta.certify.SBA.gov](https://beta.certify.SBA.gov) to submit your initial application. The new site makes it easy for you to understand the changes to the certification process to ensure you remain eligible.

On the homepage, you can:

- Access checklists that provide guidance prior to applying
- Explore your company's eligibility
- Find answers to questions regarding your firm's eligibility in the program
- Request information from SBA program experts
- Create an account and proceed with your application (Note: when you create an account, you will be automatically prompted to a new screen to access [login.gov](https://login.gov). This is a secure platform for creating new account logins.)



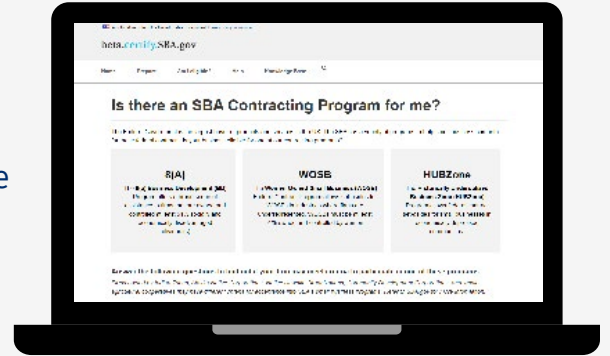
### IMPORTANT DATES:

- The current WOSB and EWOSB self-certification process will remain available until October 15, 2020, in [certify.sba.gov](https://certify.sba.gov).
- As of October 15, 2020, businesses will have to be certified either through SBA's new, free online certification process or through an approved Third-Party Certifier (TPC) at a cost.
  - For more information on certification through approved TPCs, visit [sba.gov/wosbready](https://sba.gov/wosbready)

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Here you will find:

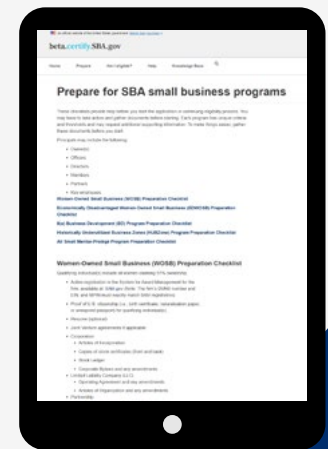
- Criteria needed to qualify for the program
- Interactive links to questionnaires that will help evaluate your firm's preliminary eligibility



## PREPARE TO APPLY

Here you will find:

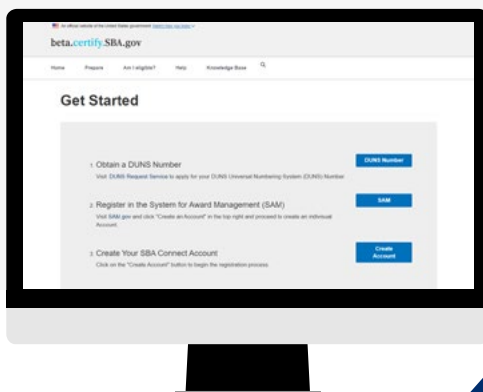
- Checklists to guide you through the application process
- Information on the documents you will need as you begin



## GETTING STARTED

Once you have determined your eligibility and gathered the required documents, this page allows you to:

- Obtain a DUNS number
- Register in the System for Award Management
- Create your SBA account



**NEED HELP  
WITH THE NEW  
CERTIFICATION  
PROCESS?**

Visit [sba.gov/wosbready](https://sba.gov/wosbready) for more information and updates.

