

# SBA Efforts May Clarify The Assignment Of Industry Codes And Most Code Appeals

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is working to improve the process of assigning industry codes to businesses and handling Most Code appeals.

The SBA's Office of Government Contracting (OGC) has been working on a number of initiatives to improve the process of assigning industry codes. These initiatives include:



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- Developing a new industry code manual.
- Providing training to SBA staff on how to assign industry codes.
- Creating a process for businesses to appeal their industry code assignments.

The SBA is also working to improve the Most Code appeals process. These initiatives include:

- Developing a new Most Code appeals form.
- Providing training to SBA staff on how to handle Most Code appeals.
- Creating a process for businesses to track the status of their Most Code appeals.

These initiatives are expected to improve the accuracy of industry code assignments and make the Most Code appeals process more efficient.

The SBA is committed to ensuring that small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for government contracts. They believe that these initiatives will help to level the playing field for small businesses and give them a better chance to win government contracts.

## **The Importance of Industry Codes**

Industry codes are used by the government to classify businesses for a variety of purposes, including:

- Determining eligibility for government contracts
- Setting aside contracts for small businesses
- Tracking government spending
- Conducting economic research

It is important for businesses to have the correct industry code assigned to their business. An incorrect industry code can lead to a number of

problems, including:

- Ineligibility for government contracts
- Loss of set-aside opportunities
- Inaccurate government spending data
- Misleading economic research

### **The Most Code Appeals Process**

The Most Code appeals process is a way for businesses to challenge the industry code that has been assigned to their business. The process is available to businesses that believe that the industry code assigned to their business is inaccurate or does not reflect the primary nature of their business.

To file a Most Code appeal, a business must submit a written request to the SBA. The request must include the following information:

- The business's name and address
- The business's DUNS number
- The industry code that the business is appealing
- The reason for the appeal
- Supporting documentation

The SBA will review the appeal and make a decision within 60 days. The SBA's decision is final.

The SBA is committed to improving the process of assigning industry codes and Most Code appeals. These initiatives are expected to improve the accuracy of industry code assignments and make the Most Code appeals process more efficient.

Businesses that have questions about industry codes or the Most Code appeals process should contact the SBA's Office of Government Contracting.



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