

Maine Association of REALTORS®

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Q & A: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS IN MAINE AND COVID-19:

MAR Legal Counsel Hannah McMullen has drafted an extensive Q & A about state and local restrictions, transaction delays, extensions, terminations, interactions with clients, showings and open houses, rental properties and more.
[Click Here](#)

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

For a complete source for all Executive Orders: [Click Here](#)

The most pertinent to real estate:

[Executive Order 19 \(March 24\): Essential Business and Operations](#)

[Executive Order 19A \(April 7\): Essential Business and Operations](#)

[Essential Business List \(unless impacted by municipal order\)](#)

[Guidelines for Real Estate \(DECD\)](#)

[Executive Order 28 \(March 31\): Further Restrictions on Public Contact and Movement, Stay at Home](#)

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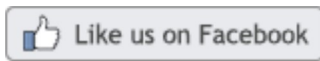
[Executive Order 37 \(April 8\): Temporarily Modifying Certain In-Person Notarization and Acknowledgment \(Remote Notary\)](#)

MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS REMINDER:

Please note that any local municipal orders that are more restrictive are permitted by the Governor's Executive Order. This means that if your local municipality passes an Order that has additional restrictions on business practices, then those restrictions are also enforceable and must be followed. If you are unsure, call your local town office for guidance and

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interpretation of their Order as it relates to your business.

COVID-19 TAB ON MAR WEBSITE:

MAR has assembled resources at <http://mainerealtors.com> under the COVID-19 tab across the top. Check back for updates.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

On March 27, Congress enacted, and the President signed, new unemployment programs to provide relief to people affected by COVID-19. These new programs are complex, the eligibility guidelines are not yet established, and the Maine Department of Labor is working to implement the programs as quickly as possible. **Those who are self-employed in Maine should wait to file a claim for benefits. Since these programs have not been implemented yet, filing at this point will only result in a denial.** We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. Once implemented, benefits will be paid retroactively to eligible Mainers. Program availability updates are available [here](#).

SBA RESOURCES - APPLICATION DETAILS:

The CARES Act includes over \$350 billion dollars in small business relief (500 employees or less including independent contractors) through two Small Business Administration programs.

For a FAQ for the programs: [Click Here](#)

- **SBA 7(b)(2) loans - Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EDIL)** - Grants available for immediate relief up to \$10K. For application information: [Click Here](#)
- **SBA 7(a) loans - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** - Forgivable loans available at 250% of an employer's average monthly payroll up to \$10M: Applications are being accepted for small businesses and sole proprietors beginning April 3; **Applications are being accepted for independent contractors and self-employed beginning April 10.** For more information, including application materials: [Click Here](#)

NAR OFFERS TELEHEALTH TO REALTORS® AT NO COST:

During this unprecedented time, **NAR is funding two months** of this telemedicine benefit for members in need, to help provide some relief related to healthcare. REALTOR® members, and their families can access professional medical

advice from the comfort of home, 24/7/365. U.S. board-certified physicians are specially trained to treat non-emergency medical issues via phone, tablet, or computer. Stay safe. Stay home. Members TeleHealth helps you do that. **Enrollment in the funded offer is limited. Sign up by April 15 [here](#).**

ZIPFORM PLUS ADVANCED FEATURES WEBINAR ON APRIL 13:

Register for a no-cost, 60-minute private webinar for MAR members! **zipForm® Plus Advanced Features: the live webinar will be held on April 13 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Please register even if you cannot attend, and zipLogix will send you a link for the webinar recording to view on your own schedule.

Content will include: Agent Dashboard, Graphs, Add Parties Using Cloud Integration, Email and FAX Docs to a transaction, Create PDF and PDF Split, Collaboration Tools

[Register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar.

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH AT HOME:

April 2020 marks the 52nd anniversary of the 1968 landmark Fair Housing Act. Reconfirm your commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as your commitment to offering equal professional service to all in their search for real property.

For more information: [Click Here](#)

MAR STAFF IS AVAILABLE:

To do our part to flatten the curve, the MAR staff is working remotely. Please call 207-622-7501 and leave a message. All voicemail is transferred to e-mail and staff will return calls and emails during regular business hours. For general email inquiries: info@mainerealtors.com

MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:

Click on the link below to learn about:

- [Upcoming Flexmls Webinar Schedule](#)
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