SECURITY DEPOSITS

What is it?
This measure allows companies - independently from their legal status - to simply and quickly access credits with a low or zero interest rate. Those credits are guaranteed in part or in full by the Swiss Confederation for an amount of 10% of the company’s turnover but to a maximum of CHF 20 million. Those credits should be exclusively used to cover operating costs following the potential turnover loss in regards to the COVID-19 situation.

CONDITIONS
What are the pre-required conditions?
The company must be based in Switzerland and founded before March 1st 2020. Its annual turnover should be less than CHF 500 million. The company should not have gone bankrupt or currently winding up. It is expected to demonstrate how the COVID-19 situation has substantially impacted its turnover.

What are the different types of credits available?
- Loans under CHF 500’000.-
  The request will go through a basic assessment
  The loan will be 100% guaranteed by the Swiss Confederation
  There is a 0.0% interest rate.

- Loans exceeding CHF 500’000.-
  The request will require a thorough assessment and an approval from the cantonal Office for Guarantees (CVC in canton of Vaud).
  The loan will be guaranteed by the Swiss Confederation for 85% and by the bank for 15%.
  There is a 0.5% interest rate on the amount guaranteed by the Swiss Confederation.

What will be the set of time to repay the loan?
The company will have to pay off the loan within 5 years, or in 7 years in case of major difficulties.

PROCESS
How can I submit a request?
The company should first check in with its regular bank if it’s granting those types of credits alongside the anticipated terms and conditions through the official list of participating banks (FR). The company should then download the online form (FR), which will generate the credit agreement for the company to fill in. It will have to be printed and sent to the chosen bank before July 31st, 2020.

MORE INFORMATION
Questions?
All questions regarding this measure should be addressed directly to your bank or to the Swiss Confederation.