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CY2020 Audit Deadline Extension and GASB 68 & 75 for Municipal and County Audits

CY2020 Audit Deadline Extension

N.J.S.A. 52:27D-18.4 authorizes the Director to extend deadlines established in the Local Budget Law, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, and the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law, along with various property tax-related deadlines under Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes, when a Gubernatorially-declared state of emergency or public health emergency is in effect. The Director's [May 26, 2021 Order](#) extends to **September 30, 2021** the deadline for all local units with a calendar year budget cycle to complete and file their 2020 audits. This extension applies to counties, calendar year municipalities, and all calendar year authorities, including fire districts.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 Reporting – County and Municipal Audits

GASB Statements No. 68 and No. 75 address reporting requirements for pension and post-retirement benefit liabilities, respectively. The audited financial information for each statement is released annually by the State's Division of Pensions and Benefits. Municipalities and counties must include the above-referenced information as note disclosures in their audited financial statements.

In recent years, delays in releasing of the most current audited financials for GASB Statements Nos. 68 and 75 have, in turn, delayed filing of annual audits for both counties and municipalities on a calendar year budget cycle past the July statutory deadline. To ensure timely filing of county and municipal audits, Local Finance Board regulations concerning municipal and county audits allow the Division of Local Government Services discretion to permit the most recent available audited GASB 68 and GASB 75 financial information to be incorporated into the audit. As such, the Division is authorizing counties and calendar year municipalities to include in their annual audits the most recent audited GASB 68 and GASB 75 information published by the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

The Division reserves the right to revise its guidance concerning GASB 68 and GASB 75 reporting as circumstances change. This guidance on the treatment of GASB 68 and 75 does not apply to government entities following GAAP accounting.

Approved: Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Director