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Office of Management and Budget Provides Contingency Plans in Event of Government Shutdown

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has compiled a listing of [contingency plans](#) directing federal agencies in the event of a potential government shutdown. Current funding is scheduled to lapse at midnight on Friday, April 28th after expiration of the previous fiscal 2017 continuing resolution (P.L. 114-254). OMB cites the [Department of Transportation](#) contingency plan as the same plan issued in December of 2016. AAMVA has reached out to its federal partners to ensure federal systems will continue to operate normally in the event of a federal government shutdown.

As in the past, AAMVA systems are generally exempt from the adverse effects of a lapse in appropriations because they contribute directly towards functions that protect the safety of human life and the protection of property - both of which have been specifically outlined as essential functions by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the guidance issued by OMB regarding agency operations during a lapse in appropriations (cited generally as [OMB Circular A-11, Section 124](#)).

Summary of Suspended Activities

The DOT contingency plan provides the following as a summary of suspended activities should a government agency shutdown occur:

- Development of new air traffic control specialists not certified to work a position;
- Issuance of airmen certificates;
- Approval of exemptions for unmanned aerial systems operations;
- The FAA's aircraft registry will close, delaying deliveries of new aircraft, and stopping the sale of used planes;
- Aviation rulemaking;
- Facility security inspections, evaluations, audits and inspections;
- Routine personnel security background investigations;
- Development, operational testing, and evaluation of NextGen technologies;
- Development of NextGen safety standards;
- Air traffic performance analysis;
- Capital planning for FAA facilities and equipment;
- Investment planning and financial analysis;
- Dispute resolution;
- Audit and evaluation;
- Financial operations, controls, reporting and accountability;
- Most budgeting functions (except those necessary to provide necessary services to offices funded with multi-year appropriations and contract authority);

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- Employee drug testing program;
- Law enforcement assistance support;
- Most administrative support functions not required for support of life and safety "excepted" positions; and
- Congressional liaison services.



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