

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO . 05-25
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ALL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION GRANTEES

FROM: HENRY MACK /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Impact of a Temporary Suspension of Federal Government Services on
Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and Office of
Career, Technical, and Adult Education Funded Programs and Activities

1. **Purpose.** To provide Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) grant award recipients and stakeholders with information about how a temporary suspension of Federal Government services impacts the execution of ETA and OCTAE funded programs and services.
2. **Action Requested.** Please review the attached Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) General Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriations and share with appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This Training Employment Notice (TEN) informs the education and workforce systems of the availability of the attached “Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) General Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriations.”

- b. Background –H.R. 5371—the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, Public Law 119-37, was enacted on November 12, 2025 and continued funding to ETA at the same level, under the same authority and conditions, and for the same projects and activities as were provided for in H.R. 1968, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Public Law 119-4. The latest continuing resolution expired on January 31, 2026, at 12:00 AM. Federal departments and agencies without additional Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations, including ETA, will engage in orderly lapse-in-appropriations activities and then be “shut down” until appropriations are enacted. Agencies will be permitted to perform only activities that have already been funded and do not require significant Federal oversight, or “excepted” activities which may include those activities related to the orderly suspension of operations and otherwise fall into a narrow definition of allowable activities. Most ETA staff will be furloughed and unable to work during the government lapse in appropriations.

ETA provides grant administration services supporting the Department of Education’s OCTAE programs under an Interagency Agreement signed in May 2025. Because this information is applicable to the OCTAE grants that ETA supports, OCTAE grant award recipients have been included in this Notice.

4. Questions and Answers. The attachment titled “Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration General Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriations,” describes the impact of a lapse in appropriations on the execution of ETA and OCTAE funded programs and services, including the:

- a. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs,
- b. Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service,
- c. American Job Center operations,
- d. Job Corps,
- e. Competitively funded grants,
- f. Trade Adjustment Assistance,
- g. Foreign Labor Certification Programs,
- h. Dislocated Worker Grants,
- i. Registered Apprenticeship programs, including Registered Apprenticeship grants,
- j. DOL-sponsored online career tools,
- k. Unemployment Compensation programs, including Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and
- l. OCTAE programs.

You may find common questions for the above programs and services in the attachment.

5. References.

- H.R. 5371, Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, Public Law 119-37, [H.R.5371 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\): Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](https://www.congress.gov/bills/119/5371/versions/1/summary/sponsor/119-37-5371-1/summary);

- H.R. 1968, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Public Law 119-4,
[H.R.1968 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\): Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#);
- H.R. 2882, Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, Public Law 118-47,
[H.R.2882 - 118th Congress \(2023-2024\): Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#);
- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 03-22, *Impacts of Lapses in Federal Appropriations on State Administration of Unemployment Insurance (UI) Programs and Federal Agencies*, issued November 22, 2021, [UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 03-22 | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#).

6. Attachment.

- I. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration General Questions and Answers Regarding the Impact of a Lapse in Congressional Appropriations.