

EMPLOYEE RESOURCES

DOJ has added a link to its public website, www.justice.gov. If you click on “Information for DOJ Employees,” you will see a message from the Attorney General plus a number of pages that may be helpful during the shutdown. Please note that you do not need to be connected to JCON to see this web page. Individuals should be able to access it from any internet-connected PC.

- DOJ has posted information on the Pay Period 19 (September 22 – October 5, 2013) paycheck here: <http://www.justice.gov/employees/notice-doj-employees-re-salary-payments.pdf>
- Also on the DOJ web page is “Information on Unemployment Compensation.” This link takes you to a page provided by the Department of Labor that provides links to information for each state and the District of Columbia. The DOJ page also includes a link to “Unemployment Compensation Form SF-8.” State unemployment offices will likely need that form when employees apply for unemployment. The form is filled in except for the 2nd line in which employees should insert U.S. Marshals Service. Employees should complete it on-line, print it, and provide it to the unemployment office.
- The “Employee Assistance Program” link provides Employee Assistance Program (EAP) contact by agency. The USMS’ EAP offers financial consultation services. Call: 1-800-222-0364

The Justice Federal Credit Union has announced that it will offer current and potential members a Special Assistance Furlough Loan. Affected current members will also be offered deferred payments on any existing consumer loans or credit cards that are carried with Justice FCU. The Special Furlough Assistance loan will allow current and potential members a 0% interest rate for 60 days at which time the interest rate will convert to 4.90%. The repayment term will be 24 months. Loan amounts will be based on the member’s net paycheck and require direct deposit with the Credit Union. Members and non-members interested in becoming a member should contact the Credit Union directly. The website is: <https://www.jfcu.org/Special-Assistance.asp>. Other credit unions and banks are providing similar assistance. Employees should contact their financial institution to find out what resources may be available.

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) loan program continues to be available during the government shutdown for employees with a TSP account. Through this program, an employee may borrow from his/her own TSP account, and his/her repayments, including interest, are put back into his/her account. Information about TSP loans can be found here: <https://www.tsp.gov/planparticipation/loans/loanBasics.shtml>. A TSP factsheet about the impact of a shutdown on the TSP, including information about loans and loan repayment, can be found here: <https://www.tsp.gov/PDF/formspubs/oc11-5.pdf>.

USMS managers are authorized to provide excepted employees, who are currently working without compensation, with a letter that states they are in a non-pay status due to the lapse in appropriations. This letter may be useful to assist in negotiations with creditors to postpone or change upcoming payments. U.S. Marshals Service letterhead may be used. The language to be used in the letter is available on the [HRD FAQs](#).