



News Release

Comptroller Lierman Announces Tax Relief Measures for Federal Workers

Comptroller's Office to defer state tax payment plans during federal government shutdown

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 27, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced additional relief measures to support Marylanders impacted by the ongoing federal government shutdown. The Office of the Comptroller will defer payment plans for federal employees who are unable to meet their tax obligations due to the shutdown.

“We recognize the financial strain this shutdown is placing on hardworking Marylanders, many of whom are working without a paycheck,” Comptroller Lierman said. “Our office is committed to doing everything we can to ease that burden and ensure families can stay afloat while the federal government remains at a standstill.”

To sign up for the payment plan deferment, federal employees should send an email to GovShutdownRelief@marylandtaxes.gov. That email should include:

- Full name
- Address
- Last 4 digits of their social security number
- Case number or payment plan identification number

Once approved, deferment will remain in effect for the duration of the shutdown and up to 60 days after it ends, providing affected workers time to regain their financial footing.

Additionally, the Comptroller’s Office continues to work with the Maryland Department of Labor to help process payments for the [Federal Worker Emergency Loan Program](#). These emergency loans are designed to help cover essential expenses during the shutdown.

Federal employees with questions or in need of assistance are encouraged to contact the Comptroller’s Office at GovShutdownRelief@marylandtaxes.gov. We also have a web page of resources, which can be found here:

<https://www.marylandcomptroller.gov/individuals/shutdown.html>

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