

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	CLASSIFICATION Unemployment Insurance
	CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL OUI/DUIO
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ADVISORY: **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 31-13, Change 2**

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: ERIC M. SELEZNOW /s/
 Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Impacts of the Federal Government Shutdown and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and State Administrative Funding for State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Programs

1. **Purpose.** To respond to further questions from state workforce agencies and to provide guidance related to claims filed by furloughed workers during the October 1-16, 2013, Federal government lapse in appropriations, or “shutdown,” and administrative funding for the program pursuant to the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014.

2. **References.**

- Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014, Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 113-46 (Act), Sections 115 and 116;
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 20, Part 609;
- UCFE Handbook No. 391 for State Agencies; and
- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 31-13 and its Change 1.

3. **Background.** During the recent Federal government shutdown, hundreds of thousands of Federal workers were placed on “furlough” status. UIPL No. 31-13 advised state workforce agencies that the U.S. Department of Labor (Department) considered Federal workers who were placed on “furlough” status during the shutdown, during which time they were not allowed to perform their Federal services, to be unemployed. Effective October 17, 2013, the Act appropriated fiscal year 2014 funds through January 15, 2014, to allow government operations to resume, end furloughs due to the lapse in funding, and fully compensate the furloughed Federal employees. UIPL No. 31-13, Change 1, advised state workforce agencies that the Department now considers that these Federal employees are not eligible for UCFE for the shutdown period because they no longer may be considered unemployed based on their compensation under section 115 of the Act.

4. **Action Requested.** State Administrators must provide this information to appropriate staff.

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5. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.
6. **Attachment.** Questions and Answers: End of Federal Government Shutdown 2013