

# Newrez Announcements



## Announcement 2026-014 Federal Government Shutdown February 2, 2026

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### Overview

Newrez Financial LLC "Newrez" Approved Correspondent Clients please note on January 30, 2026, the US Government partially shut down due to the government failing to reach a Debt Ceiling Agreement. As a result, some government agencies and services are closed or suspended. Newrez provides the following guidance, and temporary changes to existing guidelines, regarding underwriting and purchase requirements for loans impacted and closed during the shutdown. This guidance applies to all loan types, including Agency, Non-Agency, FHA, VA and USDA.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of any changes. Please note that this guidance is subject to revision.

#### Potential Impacts due to government shutdown:

- 4506-C Processing
- Social Security Number (SSN) Validation
- Flood Insurance through FEMA
- FHA and USDA Conditional Commitments
- Government Employee Verification of Employment (VOE)
- Rate Lock Extensions

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## **Effective Date**

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- Immediately

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## **4506-C Processing**

- As a reminder, the 4506-C is required to be signed at application and at closing for each borrower
- The IRS is planning to remain “fully operational” during the government shut down with respect to processing of tax transcripts until February 7, 2026. If Newrez determines the ability to obtain Transcripts is impacted, an updated communication will be sent, with any applicable allowances.
- If the loan program requires tax transcripts and IRS is not able to process the request, the loan is not eligible for purchase until tax transcripts are provided.
  - Loan programs that require tax transcripts include JUMBO AUS, Smart Edge, Smart Self and loans where underwriter conditions for tax transcripts.
  - USDA requires tax transcripts prior to the loan closing to verify adult household income. USDA allows the loan to close without tax transcripts if documentation is in the file supporting the correspondence between the client and IRS to support the omission.

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## **Halcyon Orders**

- If borrower-linked IRS credentials are utilized, there will be no disruption. Manually processed 8821s will follow the above guidance

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## **Social Security Number Validation**

- If the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Consent Based Social Security Number Verification (CBSV) Service is offline, then FORM SSA89 is required. If the Social Security Number (SSN) cannot be successfully validated, the loan is not eligible for purchase. All SSN discrepancies, alerts, etc., must be resolved prior to loan closing and prior to purchase of loan by Newrez.

## **Flood Insurance through FEMA**

- NFIP will not issue new policies during the government shutdown.
- Newrez's requirements regarding flood insurance policies remain in effect and must be followed.

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## **FHA and USDA Conditional Commitments**

- FHA will be able to endorse single family loans, with the exception of Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) and Title I loans, during the shutdown. A limited number of FHA staff will be available to endorse new loans. Due to limited staff, the time to endorse the cases may be extended.
- FHA will support manual endorsement actions including case number cancellations, reinstatements, transfers and resolution of holds tracking.
- FHA staff will not be available to underwrite and approve loans in test case status.
- HRAP condominium requests cannot be processed during the shutdown.
- CAIVRS will be available. However, FHA may not be able to ensure that the information contained in the system is up to date.
- Limited FHA staff will be available to respond to questions/emails.
- USDA will continue to issue new commitments and guarantee closed loans.

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## Government Employee Verification of Employment (VOE)

### Conforming:

- Borrowers employed by the federal government on mandatory furlough must return to work prior to closing to use government income for qualifying purposes. A verbal verification from the employer reflecting that the borrower has returned to work under the same terms as prior to the furlough is required.
- Fannie Mae programs: Validation of employment by DU's validation service remains eligible for representation and warranty relief, provided the note date is on or before the "close by" date stated in the DU.
- Freddie Mac programs: Validation of employment by LPA's AIM remains eligible for representation and warranty relief for employment provided the note date is on or before the "close by" date on the last feedback certificate.

### Government: FHA/USDA/VA

- Newrez's guidelines and policies remain in effect and must be followed.

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### Rate Lock Extensions

- As a result of the impacts identified in this announcement, if a rate lock expires during the shutdown due to any of the above reasons, the client would be charged for the extension.

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### Questions

If you have any questions regarding any information in this announcement, please feel free to contact your regional sales manager or client manager.

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