

**Changes to OPM Guidance for Shutdown Furloughs
October 9, 2013**

Guidance on Employee Coverage

The change below is included in the October 9, 2013, update to OPM's [Guidance for Shutdown Furloughs](#).

Employee Coverage

In Section B (Employee Coverage), we are adding Question B.1a. as follows:

1a. To the extent that agencies need employees to be available to help process Form 931s or other requests from State unemployment offices, can agencies except employees who are furloughed due to the lapse in annual appropriations to assist with this?

A. Yes. Agencies can except employees who have previously been furloughed due to the lapse in annual appropriations in order to come back into work to assist with processing Form 931s and other related unemployment issues. It is up to the discretion of the agency to identify which employees and the number of employees that are needed to be called back into work for this purpose.