



Member Update

Member Update: Possible Government Shutdown on March 15 at 12:01 a.m. EDT

NATCA Members:

We are facing the risk of yet another shutdown for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) due to a government-wide lapse in appropriations, which funds the government. Current appropriations will expire, and the government will shut down on March 15, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., unless lawmakers pass either a short-term continuing resolution (CR) or longer-term appropriations legislation to fund the government through Sept. 30, 2025.

A government-wide shutdown would be devastating for our members and their families, the flying public, and the U.S. economy. A shutdown would halt the training of potential air traffic controllers at the Oklahoma City Academy and would prolong and exacerbate the air traffic controller staffing crisis. That is why NATCA has been working around the clock to educate members in both the House and Senate on how a shutdown would negatively affect you and the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System.

NATCA staff members are working closely with the National Legislative Committee (NLC) on these efforts. The NLC is coordinating an outreach effort to each congressional office. We continue to express to members of Congress and their staffs our support for a long-term appropriations bill and in the alternative, a stopgap CR to keep the government open and the FAA fully operational.

If a shutdown is not avoided, NATCA has also been working with the FAA to identify employees who should be excepted from an emergency shutdown furlough, so the operational staffing in your facilities is affected a little as possible.

We will continue to urge members of Congress to pass a funding bill before the March 15 deadline. If a shutdown occurs, we will call on everyone in the NATCA family to participate in an all-hands effort to ensure our collective voice is heard, urging Congress to reach an immediate agreement to fund the government.

We will keep you updated throughout the week.

In Solidarity,

Nick Daniels
President

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