



# U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

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## EXTENSION OF DEADLINES RESULTING FROM THE POSTPONED TRANSITION TO THE NEW E-APPEAL

On August 4, 2023, the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) announced that it would launch a new, modern version of its e-Appeal Online system. On September 28, 2023, the original launch date of the new e-Appeal was postponed until October 16, 2023. Accordingly, the offline transition period and system downtime has been extended for 14 calendar days:

- **Offline Transition Period and System Downtime:** Through Sunday, October 15, 2023, users will **not** be able to file new appeals or pleadings electronically. **During this period, MSPB will continue to suspend the processing of all cases.**
- **Deadline Extensions:**
  - Pursuant to the August 4, 2023 announcement, all filing and processing deadlines from Saturday, September 9, 2023, through Friday, October 6, 2023, were **extended by 28 calendar days**. Due to the postponement of the launch of the new e-Appeal, those deadlines are **extended by an additional 14 calendar days, for a total of 42 calendar days**.
  - Additionally, pursuant to the September 12, 2023 announcement regarding the unscheduled outage of e-Appeal Online on September 8, 2023, all filing and processing deadlines that fell on Friday, September 8, 2023, were extended to Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Due to the postponement of the launch of the new e-Appeal, **all filing and processing deadlines that fell on Friday, September 8, 2023, are extended by an additional 14 calendar days to Tuesday, October 24, 2023.**
  - All filing and processing deadlines from Saturday, October 7, 2023, through Friday, October 20, 2023, are **extended by 14 calendar days**.
  - These extensions apply to **all deadlines** before MSPB, including those at the initial appeal and petition for review levels. The extensions are automatic, so parties will not be required to request them or show good cause for an extension. These automatic extensions do not apply, however, to any deadlines that passed before Friday, September 8, 2023, or to deadlines that fall on or after Saturday, October 21, 2023.
  - Filing time limits of external reviewing authorities (e.g., Federal courts and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) are **not** extended.
- **New e-Appeal Go-Live:** On Monday, October 16, 2023, the new e-Appeal will go live. MSPB will provide information to parties with pending cases on how to access the new e-Appeal prior to the go-live date.

For the latest information about the new e-Appeal, including frequently asked questions, visit the [e-Appeal Information Hub](#) on the MSPB website.