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In the Pay.gov 6.9 release notice, agencies were informed of upcoming changes in the connection requirements for their Open Collections Interface (OCI) applications. To clarify the requirement, the TLS 1.2 limitation is not part of Pay.gov 6.9 release. For a short time, Agency outgoing OCI connections may still use TLS 1.0 or 1.1.

However, agencies are urged to prepare themselves now to comply with the upcoming requirement to use \*only\* Transport Layer Security 1.2 for any outgoing connections to [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov). This includes OCI, Activity File download servlet and DTM Spoke connections. The date is not yet set, but agencies will be notified as soon as it is established.

Incoming OCI connections to the agency from Pay.gov must continue to support TLS 1.0 until Pay.gov implements TLS 1.1/1.2 by the end of 2016.

Pay.gov will provide adequate time for testing in the QA environment before the TLS 1.2 requirements are implemented in Pay.gov's production environment.

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