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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Russell T. Vought
Director

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SUBJECT: 2026 Discount Rates for OMB Circular No. A-94

OMB Circular No. A-94, "Guidelines and Discount Rates for Benefit-Cost Analysis of Federal Programs," establishes discount rate guidelines for use in benefit-cost and other types of economic analysis and specifies that certain discount rates that will be updated annually when the interest rate and inflation assumptions in the Budget are changed. These discount rates are found in Appendix C of the Circular, which is included as an attachment to this memorandum and provides discount rates that will be in effect for the calendar year 2026.

The rates presented in Appendix C do not apply to regulatory analysis or benefit-cost analysis of public investment. They are to be used for lease-purchase and cost-effectiveness analyses, as specified in the Circular.

Attachment

**APPENDIX C
(Revised March 6, 2026)**

**DISCOUNT RATES FOR COST-EFFECTIVENESS, LEASE PURCHASE,
AND RELATED ANALYSES**

Effective Dates. This appendix is updated annually. This version of the appendix is valid for calendar year 2026. A copy of the updated appendix can be obtained in electronic form through the OMB home page at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CircularA-94Appendix-C.pdf>. The text of the Circular is found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/a094.pdf>, and a table of past years' rates is located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CircularA-94DiscountHistory.pdf>. Updates of the appendix are also available upon request from OMB's Economic Policy Division (a94@omb.eop.gov).

Nominal Discount Rates. A forecast of nominal or market interest rates for calendar year 2026 based on the economic assumptions for the 2027 Budget is presented below. These nominal rates are to be used for discounting nominal flows, which are often encountered in lease-purchase analysis.

**Nominal Interest Rates on Treasury Notes and Bonds
of Specified Maturities (in percent)**

<u>3-Year</u>	<u>5-Year</u>	<u>7-Year</u>	<u>10-Year</u>	<u>20-Year</u>	<u>30-Year</u>
3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.1

Real Discount Rates. A forecast of real interest rates from which the inflation premium has been removed and based on the economic assumptions for the 2027 Budget is presented below. These real rates are to be used for discounting constant-dollar flows, as is often required in cost-effectiveness analysis.

**Real Interest Rates on Treasury Notes and Bonds
of Specified Maturities (in percent)**

<u>3-Year</u>	<u>5-Year</u>	<u>7-Year</u>	<u>10-Year</u>	<u>20-Year</u>	<u>30-Year</u>
1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.0

Analyses of projects with terms different from those presented above may use a linear interpolation. For example, a four-year project can be evaluated with a rate equal to the average of the three-year and five-year rates. Projects with durations longer than 30 years may use the 30-year interest rate.