

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-824. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This form is used to request a duplicate approval notice, to notify the U.S. Consulate that a person has been adjusted to permanent resident status so a family member can apply for a derivative immigrant visa and to request another U.S. Consulate be notified that a petition has been approved.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 43,772 respondents at 25 minutes (.416) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 18,209 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Extension of existing collection. Request for certification of military or naval service.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted an emergency information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to provide for the required final 30 days for public review/comment and ample time for OMB's review and final action.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 1997 at 62 FR 40842, allowing for an emergency extension with a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional "thirty days" until December 3, 1997.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Ms. Debra Bond, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202-395-6974.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, 425 I Street, NW., Room 5307, Washington, DC 20536.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points.

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-426. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This form is used by the INS to request a verification of the military or naval service claim by an applicant filing for naturalization on the basis of honorable service in the United States Armed Forces.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 45,000 respondents at 10 minutes (.166) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 7,470 annual burden hours.

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