

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: NOTICE—PAYMENT NOT APPLIED, VA Form 29-4499A.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0139.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine eligibility to reinstate government life insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 300 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Dated: August 5, 1999.
By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,
Director Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0205]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to evaluate applicant's education, professional experience and credentials to determine suitability and grade level.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0205" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Form Numbers and Titles

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists.
c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents.
d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations.
e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0205.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Forms 10-2850 and 10-2850a through c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate's qualifications for employment with VA. VHA officials use the information to evaluate education, professional experience and credentials and to determine suitability and grade level of applications of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, nurses and nurse anesthetists, residents, and associated health occupations, and appraisal of applicants. The forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registrations, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings. Form Letter 10-341a is a pre employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 applicant.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit Institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 68,610 hours.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—12,900 hours.
b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—51,600 hours.
c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—27,520 hours.
d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—17,200 hours.
e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—42,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 27 minutes.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—30 minutes.
b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—30 minutes.
c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—30 minutes.

- d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—30 minutes.
- e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—20 minutes.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 151,220.
- a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—6,450.
- b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—25,800.
- c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—13,760.
- d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—8,600.
- e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—14,000.
Dated: August 13, 1999.
By direction of the Secretary

Barbara Epps,

Management Analyst Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0368]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the correct rate of subsistence allowance payable to a trainee in an established, approved on-the-job training or apprenticeship program. The form also assists a VA case manager determine if veteran is receiving wage increases and informs case manager of difficulties in training.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0368" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Monthly Statement of Wages Paid to Trainee, VA Form 28-1917.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0368.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the correct rate of subsistence allowance payable to a trainee in an established, approved on-the-job training or apprenticeship program. The form also assists a VA case manager determine if veteran is receiving wage increases and informs case manager of difficulties in training.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit Institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,600.

Dated: August 5, 1999

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0003]

Agency Information Collection: Emergency Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following emergency proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)). The reason for the emergency clearance request is that the ongoing survey is essential to VA's mission. Disruption of the collection of information will harm VBA's efforts to carry out VA's mission. OMB has been requested to act on this emergency clearance request by September 30, 1999.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0003."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Burial Benefits, VA Form 21-530.
OMB Control Number: 2900-0003.
Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, for a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The form is used to apply for burial benefits, including transportation expenses. The information is used by VBA to determine if the deceased veteran had appropriate service and/or disability and that the applicant has made