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**Request For Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 4, 2011.

**Yvette B. Lawrence,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collection requirements related to real estate mortgage conduits; reporting requirements and other administrative matters; and allocation of allocable investment expense; original issue discount reporting requirements.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Yvette B. Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Joel Goldberger, at (202) 927-9368, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at *Joel.P.Goldberger@irs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** T.D. 8366, Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits; Reporting Requirements and Other Administrative Matters. T.D. 8431, Allocation of Allocable Investment Expense; Original Issue Discount Reporting Requirements.

**OMB Number:** 1545-1018.

**Regulation Project Number:** T.D. 8366 and T.D. 8431

**Abstract:** T.D. 8366 contains temporary and final regulations relating to real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs). T.D. 8431 contains final regulations relating to reporting requirements with respect to single-class real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs) and the market discount fraction reported with other REMIC information. This document also contains final regulations that require an issuer of publicly offered debt instruments with original issue discount (OID) to file an information return with the Internal Revenue Service. The relevant provisions in the Internal Revenue Code were added or amended

by the Tax Reform Act of 1984, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and by the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to these existing regulations.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 9,725.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 978.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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