

CFR 21.4260. In order for a review and decision to be made, the VA needs supporting information from a foreign educational institution. The Application for Approval of a Program in a Foreign Country, VA Form 22–0976 OMB ICR #2900–0853 is being submitted as a “Revision”. We are changing the formatting of the form, as well as changing most of the existing questions to be written in the form of a statement. There is no change to the current burden as a result of making these revisions.

Currently, the VA Form 22–0976 questions are written to solicit YES/NO responses regarding compliance to the current and new provisions established for foreign institutions. We believe the questions should be instead written and displayed in the form of a statement to indicate the VA requirements necessary for the achievement of compliance for foreign institutions.

Public Law 116–135, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 amended a number of VA benefits that requires the revision of VA Form 22–0976 to comply with these changes. The VA Form 22–0976 is the official application that all foreign institutions outside of the United States must use to formally request foreign program approval for GI Bill benefits from VA.

The current form is inadequate to comply with both the current and new changes in the law. Therefore, the purpose of revising VA Form 22–0976 is to support the provisions of Public Law 116–135, and the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, Public Law 115–407 necessary in order for foreign institutions to acknowledge and adhered to the requirement of Section 104 of this law. The provisions of this law require foreign institutions to allow eligible individuals to stay enrolled in courses of education pending the receipt of educational assistance from Department of Veterans Affairs. The institution’s policy must ensure that they will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or make it a requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

The purpose of revising this form also supports the provisions of Isakson and ROE, Public Law 116–315, Sections 1019 and 1020. Section 1019 requires schools and training programs to be financially responsible (School

Liability), instead of the student, for payments which are directly paid to an educational institution pursuant to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, (*i.e.*, payments paid to an educational institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement program and the Advance payments of the initial educational assistance to an institution.). Section 1020 limits the type of Advertising, Sales, and Marketing that schools can conduct and remain eligible for GI Bill funds. This section would also create a tiered penalty system against institutions that do not comply with the law and set up a mechanism for institutions to work with the SAAs and VA on coming back into compliance, and for institutions to not engage in advertising and/or enrollment practices of any type, which are erroneous, deceptive, or misleading either by actual statement, omission, or intimidation.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 87 FR 85 on May 3, 2022, pages 26264 and 26265.

*Affected Public:* Education Institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 338 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1014.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Real Property for the Development of Permanent Supportive Housing at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center (VAMC) Campus in Dublin, Georgia

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to enter into an EUL.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to provide the public with notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to enter into an

EUL of Buildings 34 and 35 on approximately 4.7 acres of underutilized land on the campus of the Carl Vinson VAMC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Brett Simms, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Office of Management, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202–632–7092. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8161–8169, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to enter into an EUL for the provision of supportive housing for a term of up to 75 years, if the lease is not inconsistent with and will not adversely affect the mission of VA. Consistent with this authority, the Secretary intends to enter into an EUL for the purpose of outleasing Buildings 34 and 35 on approximately 4.7 acres of underutilized land on the campus of the Carl Vinson VAMC, to develop approximately 50 units of permanent supportive housing for Veterans and their families. The competitively selected EUL lessee/ developer, Dublin Veterans Residences Limited Partnership, will finance, design, develop, rehabilitate, construct, manage, maintain and operate housing for eligible homeless Veterans or Veterans at risk of homelessness on a priority placement basis. Additionally, the lessee/developer will be required to provide supportive services that guide Veteran residents towards long-term independence and self-sufficiency.

*Signing Authority:* Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on June 23, 2022, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0747]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 6, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0747” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0747” in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

*Authority:* Public Law 110–389 Section 221, 38 U.S.C. 5101.

*Title:* Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21–526EZ).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0747.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21–526EZ is used to collect the information needed to process a fully developed claim for disability compensation and/or related compensation benefits. Though the law requires the claimant submit a

certification in writing that states no additional information or evidence is available or needs to be submitted in order for the claim to be adjudicated via the fully developed claim program, the form has evolved into a standard claim form to be used for any benefit associated with disability compensation; to include new or initial claims, reopened claims, and claims for increase. Without this information, determination of entitlement would not be possible.

No changes have been made to this form at this time. However, the respondent burden for VA Form 21–526EZ has increased due to: the number of receivables averaged over the past year, general program changes—such as regulatory changes, and the continuing improvement of VA’s electronic claims processing systems.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 587,815.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 17.5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,015,367.

By direction of the Secretary:

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