

submitted from those participants not selected to speak will be accepted and considered as part of the meeting record.

Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by ACHT during the meeting must submit them no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 25, 2023, to ensure transmission to ACHT prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Copies of the meeting minutes will be available on the ACHT internet website at <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking/acht>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 29, 2023.

**Carol Annette Petsonk,**

*Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket ID Number: DOT-OST-2014-0031]

#### Agency Information Collection: Activity Under OMB Review; Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space—BTS Form 250

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on the continuing need for and usefulness of DOT collecting reports on the number of passengers holding confirmed reservations that voluntarily or involuntarily give up their seats when the airline oversells the flight.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Services: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202-366-3383.

*Instructions:* Identify docket number, DOT-OST-2014-0031, at the beginning of your comments, and send two copies. To receive confirmation that DOT received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may access all comments received by DOT at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments are posted electronically without charge or edits, including any personal information provided.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <https://DocketInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets.

*Electronic Access:* You may access comments received for this notice at <https://www.regulations.gov>, by searching docket DOT-OST-2014-0031.

*Comments:* Comments should identify the associated OMB approval # 2138-0018 and Docket ID Number DOT-OST-2014-0031. Persons wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on OMB # 2138-0018, Docket—DOT-OST-2014-0031. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS-42, Room E34-410, OST-R, BTS, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4405, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or Email [cecilia.robinson@dot.gov](mailto:cecilia.robinson@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are requested concerning whether (a) the collection is still needed by the Department of Transportation, (b) BTS accurately estimated the reporting burden; (c) there are other ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) there are ways to minimize reporting

burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*OMB Approval No.* 2138-0018.

*Title:* Report of Passengers Denied Confirmed Space.

*Form No.:* BTS Form 250.

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

*Respondents:* Large certificated air carriers.

*Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Number of Responses:* 60.

*Number of Hours per Response:* 10.

*Total Annual Burden:* 600 hours.

#### Codeshare Flights Marketed by Reporting Carrier

*Form 250 for Codeshare Flights They Market*

*Number of Respondents:* 4.

*Number of Responses:* 16.

*Number of Hours per Response:* 6.

*Total Annual Burden:* 96.

*Needs and Uses:* BTS Form 250 is a one-page report submitted four times per year, on the number of passengers denied seats either voluntarily or involuntarily, whether these bumped passengers were provided alternate transportation and/or compensation, and the amount of the payment. On November 3, 2016, the Department published a Final Rule (see 81 FR 76800) that changed the number of U.S. air carriers that account for at least 1 percent to half of one percent of domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues who must report oversales on all operations with 30 seats or larger aircraft that depart a U.S. airport.

Carriers do not report data from inbound international flights to the United States because the protections of 14 CFR part 250 *Oversales* do not apply to these flights. The report allows the Department to monitor the effectiveness of its oversales rule and take enforcement action when necessary. The involuntarily denied-boarding rate has decreased from 4.38 per 10,000 passengers in 1980; this rate has been reduced to 0.24 per 10,000 passengers in 2019. Without Form 250, determining the effectiveness of the Department's oversales rule would be impossible. The publishing of the carriers' individual denied boarding rates has diminished the need for more intrusive regulation. The rate of denied boarding can be examined as a continuing fitness factor. This rate provides an insight into a carrier's customer service practices. A rapid sustained increase in the rate of denied boarding may indicate operational difficulties. Because the rate of denied boarding is released quarterly, travelers and travel agents can select

carriers with lower incidences of bumping passengers. This information is available in the *Air Travel Consumer Report* at: <http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/reports/index.htm>. The *Air Travel Consumer Report* is also sent to newspapers, magazines, and trade journals. The public availability of this information deters carriers from setting unreasonable overbooking rates—a market-based mechanism that is more efficient than direct regulation of those rates.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note) requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis, and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 28, 2023.

**William A. Chadwick, Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Airline Information,  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of  
the Assistant Secretary for Research and  
Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0706]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Reimbursement of National Exam Fee

**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 November 6, 2023.

**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. 2900-0706" 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), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266-4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0706" 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 108-454 and Public Law 111-377; 38 U.S.C. 5101 and CFR 21.1030.

**Title:** Application for Reimbursement of National Exam Fee, VA Form 22-0810.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0706.

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

**Abstract:** VA will use the information collected to determine whether the claimant qualifies to receive reimbursement for a claimed national test, and if so, the amount of the reimbursement of the fee charged.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 57 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 230.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance  
Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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