

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room G225, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Business Supplement (QBS) is a versatile collection instrument designed to capture information on the US economy quickly and efficiently. The QBS collection is designed to incorporate new questionnaires as the need arises to allow BLS to collect and publish information quickly so that stakeholders and data users can understand the impact of specific events, or economic issues of relevance, on the US economy.

The BLS will primarily use the Annual Refiling Survey (ARS) as a platform for conducting the QBS. Each year, the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program conducts the ARS by reaching out to approximately 1.5 million establishments requesting verification of their main business activity, and their mailing and physical location addresses. The fully web-based ARS allows for an accelerated timeframe for collection and provides a low-cost platform for conducting the quick, short surveys of the QBS. The QBSs accompanying the ARS have little data collection overhead, leveraging the respondent contact process undertaken as part of the production ARS. QBS respondents already logged into the ARS secure website are directed to a QBS and asked to answer a limited number of additional survey questions after completing the ARS. QBS respondents that are not in the ARS are solicited using established contact methods (email and/or printed letters) and directed to a stand-alone interface to access and answer the QBS questions online.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for a revision of the QCEW Business Supplement (QBS).

The QBS is designed to encourage a fast response and minimize respondent burden on the public by limiting the number of questions on each survey and

by asking questions that respondents should be able to answer without research or referring to records. In this manner, BLS can provide information that is needed quickly and is not collected elsewhere. The QBS will incorporate new questionnaires as the need for data arises, as frequently as twice a year. The BLS plans to conduct multiple small surveys under the QBS clearance. The 2024 survey will focus on establishments' telework policies and practices, recent experiences in hiring, and how they advertise vacancies. These questions were previously asked in the 2022 QBS collected under this clearance (the 2022 Business Response Survey). Asking these questions again, a full two years later, will provide an understanding of how these business operations have changed.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- 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 submissions of responses.

Title of Collection: QCEW Business Supplement.

OMB Number: 1220-0198.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

Total Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Frequency: Once.

Total Responses: 80,000.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,667 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the

information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 5, 2024.

Eric Molina,

Chief, Division of Management Systems, Branch of Policy Analysis.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Arts Advisory Panel Meetings

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that 5 meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference or videoconference.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for individual meeting times and dates. All meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate:

ADDRESSES: National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from David Travis, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; travisd@arts.gov, or call 202-682-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chair of March 11, 2022, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 10.

The upcoming meetings are:
NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships Panel A (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: February 6, 2024; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships Panel B (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: February 6, 2024; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shakespeare in American Communities Cooperative Agreement

Panel (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: February 13, 2024; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NEA Big Read Cooperative Agreement Panel (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: February 14, 2024; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Creative Placemaking Technical Assistance (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

Date and time: February 15, 2024; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dated: January 8, 2024.

David Travis,

Specialist, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

Civil Penalty Adjustments for 2024

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of civil penalty adjustments for 2024.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is giving notice of the adjusted maximum and minimum civil monetary penalties that may be imposed for violations of its New Restrictions on Lobbying and Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act regulations to reflect the requirements of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015. The updated penalty amounts are adjusted for inflation and are effective from January 15, 2024, through January 14, 2025.

DATES: The updated civil penalties in this notice are applicable to penalties assessed on or after January 15, 2024, if the associated violations occurred after November 2, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Voyatzis, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, 400 7th Street SW, Room 4060, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606-8322; gencounsel@neh.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of

2015 (the Inflation Adjustment Act)¹ directs each Executive agency to make an annual inflation adjustment for each civil monetary penalty provided by law within the jurisdiction of the agency, and to publish notice of each such adjustment in the **Federal Register**. An agency adjusts a civil monetary penalty by increasing the maximum amount of such penalty (or the range of minimum and maximum amounts, as applicable) by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October preceding the date of adjustment (in this case, October 2023) exceeds the CPI-U for the October one year prior to the October immediately preceding the date of the adjustment (in this case, October 2022), then rounding each amount to the nearest dollar.

NEH administers two civil monetary penalties subject to adjustment pursuant to the Inflation Adjustment Act: A civil monetary penalty that NEH may impose for violation of its New Restrictions on Lobbying regulation (the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty)² and a civil monetary penalty that NEH may impose under its Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act Regulations (the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty).³ NEH made the initial “catch-up” adjustments to the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for years 2016–2020 when it amended its New Restrictions on Lobbying regulation on April 21, 2020,⁴ and to the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty for years 2016–2021 when it adopted its Program Fraud Civil Monetary Penalties Act regulations on August 13, 2021.⁵ NEH then adjusted the amount of those civil monetary penalties accordingly when it codified the statutory formula for inflation adjustments in NEH’s New Restrictions on Lobbying and Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act regulations on March 30, 2023.⁶ Each regulation provides for subsequent annual adjustment of its respective civil monetary penalty by notice in the **Federal Register**.⁷

2. 2024 Adjustments for Inflation

OMB has issued guidance on implementing and calculating the 2024 adjustment under the Inflation Adjustment Act.⁸ Per this guidance, the CPI-U adjustment multiplier for this

annual adjustment is 1.03241.⁹ The post-adjustment penalty or range is obtained by multiplying the pre-adjustment penalty or range by the percent change in the CPI-U over the relevant time period and rounding to the nearest dollar. Between October 2022 and October 2023, the CPI-U increased by a multiplier of 103.241%. Therefore, NEH will adjust each civil monetary penalty amount by multiplying it by 1.03241 and rounding to the nearest dollar.

A. 2024 Adjustment To Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty

For 2023, the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty had a minimum amount of \$23,727 and a maximum amount of \$237,268. Therefore, the adjusted minimum Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for 2024 is \$24,496 (\$23,727 multiplied by 1.03241) and the adjusted maximum Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for 2024 is \$244,958 (\$237,268 multiplied by 1.03241).

Thus, the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty, following the 2024 adjustment, has a minimum amount of \$24,496 and a maximum amount of \$244,958.

B. 2024 Adjustment to PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty

For 2023, the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty had a maximum amount of \$13,508. Therefore, the new, post-adjustment maximum penalty for 2024 under NEH’s PFCRA regulation is \$13,946 (\$13,508 multiplied by 1.03241).

Dated: January 8, 2024.

Jessica Graves,

Paralegal Specialist, National Endowment for the Humanities.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2023-0151]

Information Collection: Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of

¹ 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

² 45 CFR 1168.400(a), (b), (e).

³ 45 CFR 1174.3(a), (b).

⁴ 85 FR 22025.

⁵ 86 FR 44626.

⁶ 88 FR 18998.

⁷ 45 CFR 1168.400(g), (h), 1174.3(f), (g).

⁸ Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-24-07 (December 19, 2023).

⁹ *Id.*