

accordance with a series of stipulated priorities. Title 38 U.S.C. 1722 establishes eligibility assessment procedures for cost-free VA medical care, based on income levels, which determines whether nonservice-connected and 0% service-connected non-compensable Veterans are able to defray the necessary expenses of care for nonservice-connected conditions. Further, when the Veteran projects that their attributable income for the current calendar year would be substantially below the applicable income thresholds, the Veteran would be considered unable to defray the expenses of care and VA may exempt the Veteran from the requirement to pay copayments for hospital or outpatient care. In addition, section 103 of Public Law 117–168, titled the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022, amended title 38 U.S.C. 1710(e) (3) by expanding the health care eligibility benefit for Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity (TERA) while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training.

This collection of information is required to properly administer health benefits to eligible Veterans.

a. VA Form 10–10EZ, Application for Health Benefits, is used to collect Veteran information during the initial application process for VA medical care, nursing home, domiciliary, dental benefits, etc.

b. VA Form 10–10EZR, Health Benefits Update Form, is used to update a Veteran's personal information, such as marital status, address, health insurance and financial information, for renewal of health benefits.

c. VA Form 10–10HS, Request for Hardship Determination, is used to collect information from Veterans who are in a copay required status for hospital care and medical services, but due to a loss of income project that their income for the current year will be substantially below the VA means test limits.

These forms collect information to enroll a Veteran for health benefits, establish basic eligibility, determine TERA benefit eligibility, identify 3rd party health insurance coverage, identify prescription copayment, provide for income verification, and serve as a mechanism to make changes upon admission for benefits or yearly financial updates.

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Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 20537, March 22, 2024.

Total Annual Burden: 703,300 hours.
Total Annual Responses: 1,406,000.

VA Form 10–10EZ

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 315,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 540,000.

VA Form 10–10EZR

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 386,550 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 27 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 859,000.

VA Form 10–10HS

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0530]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Loan Guaranty Servicing Procedures for Holders and Servicers of VA Guaranteed Loans

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control. 2900–0530.”

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Loan Guaranty Servicing Procedures for Holders and Servicers of VA Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Control Number: OMB 2900–0530 <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Loan Guaranty program guarantees loans made by private lenders to veterans for the purchase, construction, and refinancing of homes owned and occupied by veterans. Under 38 CFR 36.4350, a holder of a loan guaranteed or insured by the VA is required to develop and maintain a loan servicing program.

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 89 FR 21176 on March 26, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals (employees of servicers making applications).

Estimated Annual Burden: 63 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 minute.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 427.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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