

POSTAL SERVICE**International Product Change—Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Agreement**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Competitive Product List in the Mail Classification Schedule.

DATES: *Date of notice:* November 8, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher C. Meyerson, (202) 268–7820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on November 4, 2024, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International & First-Class Package International Service Contract 49 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2025–265 and K2025–263.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In accordance with the requirement of section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Application for Employee Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act; OMB 3220–0002.

Section 2(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231a) provides for payments of age and service, disability, and supplemental annuities to qualified employees. An annuity cannot be paid until the employee stops working for a railroad employer. In addition, the age and service employee must relinquish any rights held to such jobs. A disabled employee does not need to relinquish employee rights until attaining Full Retirement Age, or if earlier, when their spouse is awarded a spouse annuity. Benefits become payable after the employee meets certain other requirements, which depend on the type of annuity payable. The requirements for obtaining the annuities are prescribed in 20 CFR parts 216 and 220.

To collect the information needed to help determine an applicant's entitlement to, and the amount of, an employee retirement annuity the RRB uses Forms AA–1, *Application for Employee Annuity*; AA–1d, *Application for Determination of Employee Disability*; G–204, *Verification of Workers Compensation/Public Disability Benefit Information*, and electronic Forms AA–1cert, *Application Summary and Certification*, AA–1sum, *Application Summary*, and AA–1 (internet), *Application for Employee Annuity*.

The AA–1 application process obtains information from an applicant about their marital history, work history, military service, benefits from other governmental agencies, railroad pensions and Medicare entitlement for either an age and service or disability annuity. An RRB representative interviews the applicant either at a field office, an itinerant point, or by telephone. During the interview, the RRB representative enters the information obtained into an on-line information system. Upon completion of the interview, the on-line information system generates Form AA–1cert, *Application Summary and Certification*, or Form AA–1sum, *Application Summary*, a summary of the information that was provided for the applicant to review and approve. Form AA–1cert

documents approval using the traditional pen and ink “wet” signature, and Form AA–1sum documents approval using the alternative signature method called Attestation. When the RRB representative is unable to contact the applicant in person or by telephone, for example, the applicant lives in another country, a manual version of Form AA–1 is used.

Form AA–1d, *Application for Determination of Employee's Disability*, is completed by an employee who is filing for a disability annuity under the RRA, or a disability freeze under the Social Security Act, for early Medicare based on a disability. Form G–204, *Verification of Worker's Compensation/Public Disability Benefit Information*, is used to obtain and verify information concerning a worker's compensation or a public disability benefit that is or will be paid by a public agency to a disabled railroad employee. Form AA–1 (internet) can be completed by the applicant and submitted through the RRB's website at www.rrb.gov. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion of the forms is required to obtain/retain a benefit. The RRB proposes no changes to Form AA–1, Form AA–1 (internet), Form AA–1cert, AA–1sum and Form G–204.

The RRB proposes the following changes to Form AA–1d:

- Section 1, General Instructions, the date is being updated to 06/06/24,
- Section 6, Information About Your Daily Activities, add “Sleeping” to the activity list for question 34,
- Section 6, Information about Your Daily Activities, add a question 35b, “Describe and explain if your condition affects your memory, concentration, or ability to understand and follow instructions. (Include when this change began.)”,
- Section 7, Information About Your Work and Earnings, question 43, update to 12–2024 in example,
- Section 11, Certification, question 63, remove the word “criminal” from the sentence to read “I know that if I am receiving a disability annuity and fail to report work and earnings promptly, I am committing a crime punishable by Federal law that may result in prosecution and/or penalty deductions in my annuity payments”,
- Corrected the abbreviation word “Cont.” to “Continued” throughout form, and
- Correct grammar, spacing, heading and other issues within the form for consistency.