

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2024-0050]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Request and
Comment Request**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers. (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA (SSA), Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance

Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833-410-1631, Email address: OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov

Or you may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain> by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA-2024-0050] in your submitted response.

The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than January 27, 2025. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

Rules of Conduct and Standards of Responsibility for Appointed Representatives—20 CFR 404.1740(b)(5), 404.1740(b)(6), 404.1740(b)(9), 416.1540(b)(5), 416.1540(b)(6), and 416.1540(b)(9)—0960-0804. Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) authorizes SSA's Commissioner to make rules and regulations and to establish procedures, not inconsistent with the provisions of this title, which are necessary or appropriate to carry out such provisions. Section 1631(d)(1) of the Act incorporates section 205(a) and applies it to Title XVI of the Act. Additionally, sections 206(a) and 1631(d)(2) of the Act provide that the Commissioner has the authority to establish rules and regulations governing the recognition of individuals who represent claimants before the Commissioner. Individuals

appointed to represent claimants before SSA must report to SSA in writing whenever one of the following situations in our revised regulations occurs:

- *20 CFR 404.1740(b)(5) and 416.1540(b)(5)*—This regulatory section requires representatives to disclose to SSA in writing, at the time a medical or vocational opinion is submitted to SSA, or as soon as the representative is aware of the submission to us, if the representative's employee or any individual contracting with the representative drafted, prepared, or issued a medical or vocational opinion about a claimant's disability, or if the representative referred or suggested that the claimant seek an examination from, treatment by, or the assistance of the individual providing opinion evidence;

- *20 CFR 404.1740(b)(6) and 416.1540(b)(6)*—This regulatory section requires representatives to disclose to SSA immediately if the representative discovers that his or her services are or were used by the claimant to commit fraud against SSA;

A representative's obligation to report these events is ongoing, and SSA requires representatives to report any time one or more of these events occurs. We consider this information essential to ensure the integrity of our administrative process and to safeguard the rights of all claimants. SSA requires representatives to notify SSA in writing, but there is no prescribed format for these reports. The respondents are individuals appointed to represent claimants before SSA.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulation citations	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)**
404.1740(b)(5)&(6)/416.1540(b)(5)&(6)	43,600	1	5	3,633	\$58.40	\$212,149

* We based this figure on average hourly wages for paralegals/legal assistants and lawyers <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes231011.htm> as posted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).

** These figures do not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on representatives to complete the required disclosures; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time representatives or their employees and associates will spend to complete the required disclosures. There is no actual charge to representatives to complete the required disclosures.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12596]

Notice of Public Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization Eleventh Session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and via teleconference. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 11th session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from Monday, January 13 to Friday, January 17, 2025.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line, which can handle 500 participants or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in person. The meeting location will be the United States Coast Guard Headquarters, and the teleconference line will be provided to those who RSVP. To RSVP, participants should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Bryan Andrews, by email at bryan.j.andrews@uscg.mil. LCDR Andrews will provide access information for in-person and virtual attendance.

The agenda items to be considered at SDC 11 include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Development of Guidelines for emergency towing arrangements for ships other than tankers (2.20)
- Further development of the IP Code and associated guidance (2.4)
- Revision of the Interim explanatory notes for the assessment of passenger ship systems' capabilities after a fire or flooding casualty (MSC.1/Circ.1369) and related circulars (7.42)
- Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code (7.21)
- Amendments to the Guidelines for construction, installation, maintenance and inspection/survey of means of embarkation and disembarkation (MSC.1/Circ.1331) concerning the rigging of safety

netting on accommodation ladders and gangways (7.35)

- Revision of SOLAS chapters II-1 (part C) and V, and related instruments regarding steering and propulsion requirements, to address both traditional and non-traditional propulsion and steering systems. (2.9)
- Amendment to regulation 25 of the 1988 Load Line Protocol regarding the requirement for setting of guard rails on the deck structure (7.25) Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, environment, facilitation, liability and compensation-related conventions (7.1)
- Guidelines for use of Fibre-Reinforced Plastics (FRP) within ship structures (2.6)
- Review of the 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators (7.47)
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for SDC 12
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026
- Experience-building phase for the reduction of underwater radiated noise from shipping (1.16)
- Any other business
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the SDC 11 agenda to accommodate the constraints associated with the meeting format. Any changes to the agenda will be reported to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Bryan Andrews, by email at bryan.j.andrews@uscg.mil, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, by December 20, 2024. Please note that, due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon request). Additionally, members of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise the meeting coordinator not later than December 20, 2024. Requests made after that date will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12595]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Foreign Service Officer Test Registration Form

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to December 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gailyn McClung, 771-205-1565. Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents to Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Department of State SA-1, H-518, 2401 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Registration for the Foreign Service Officer Test.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0008.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Human Resources, Board of Examiners.
- *Form Number:* DS-1998E.
- *Respondents:* Registrants for the Foreign Service Officer Test.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 7,000.