

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW (Veterans Employability Survey)]****Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, 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 new collection of information, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine the factors impacting a claimant discontinuing or interrupting their vocational rehabilitation and employment program plans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Susan Krumhaus, Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (008A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail susan.krumhaus@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW (Veterans Employability Survey)” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Krumhaus at (202) 273–5108 or FAX (202) 273–5993.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), 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, the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of

VA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA’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.

Title: Veterans Employability Survey (VERS).

OMB Control Number: None assigned.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the study is to obtain information on veterans who discontinued or interrupted their Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program. VA will use the data to determine the factors impacting the veteran’s discontinuation of the program, effect on employability and types of interventions that might enable veterans to stay in the program and to compare this VR&E Program population with veterans who successfully complete the program and with the general veteran population.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Time Per Respondent and Annual Burden: 1,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: September 14, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

[FR Doc. E5–5197 Filed 9–26–05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900–0368]****Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 27, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565–8374, FAX (202) 565–6950 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–2900–0368.”

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0368” in any correspondence.

Title: Monthly Statement of Wages Paid to Trainee (Chapter 31, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 28–1917.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0368.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Employers providing on-job or apprenticeship training to veterans use VA Form 28–1917 to report each veteran’s wages during the preceding month. VA uses the information to determine whether the veteran is receiving the appropriate wage increase and correct rate of subsistence allowance. Employers also use the form to document any training difficulties the veteran may be experiencing making it possible for VA’s case manager to intervene to assist the veteran in a timely manner.

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 on April 28, 2005 at page 22173.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 3,600.