

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: Certification of Lessons Completed, VA Forms 22-6553b and 22-6553b-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0353.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 22-6553b and 22-6553b-1 are used to determine the number of lessons completed by a student and serviced by the correspondence school, and if necessary to determine the date of completion or termination of correspondence training. VA pays education benefits based on the information furnished on the form. Benefits are not payable when training is interrupted, discontinued or completed. Without this information, VA would be unable to determine the proper payment or the student's training status.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,782 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,564.

Number of Responses Annually: 10,692

Dated: November 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0005]

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 *et seq.*), 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 January 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0005."

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. 2900-0005" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:*

Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s), (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation, When Applicable), VA Form 21-535.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0005.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-535 is used by surviving parent or parents of a deceased veteran to apply for benefits. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation may be payable when the veteran dies (a) From disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty while on active duty or active duty for training, (b) from injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty while on inactive duty training, or (c) from disability compensable under laws administered by VA. VA uses the information to determine a parent's eligibility, dependency and income, as applicable, for the death benefits.

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 August 14, 2002, at page 53045.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,056.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,880.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0171]

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 *et seq.*), 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 January 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: *denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0171."

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. 2900-0171" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:*

Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance (38 U.S.C. Chapters 30, 32, or 35 and 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606), VA Form 22-1990t.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0171.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form is used by students who are receiving VA educational assistance and who require tutoring to overcome a deficiency in one or more courses. The information submitted by the student must be certified by the tutor, and the certifying official of the educational institution that the student is attending.

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 August 26, 2002, at pages 54843—54844.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0460]

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 *et seq.*), 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 January 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0460." 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. 2900-0460" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0460.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided. The form is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

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 September 13, 2002, at pages 58102-58103.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total Respondents: 150,000.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health

Administration (VHA), 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 January 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "2900-New."

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 "2900-New."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of Health and Communications of Veterans for the War Related Illnesses and Post-Deployment Health Issues, VA Form 10-21060(NR).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The purpose of this study is to develop a plan for clinical, research, risk communication and educational activities for war-related illnesses and post-deployment health issues.

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 August 12, 2002, at pages 52523-52524.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,500.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

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Director, Records Management Service.

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