

notice solicits comments for information needed to review the credentials of chaplain applicants.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0610" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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:* Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification Information, VA Form 10-0379.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0610.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected on VA Form 10-0379 is used to assure that individuals employed by VA as chaplains are qualified to provide for the constitutional rights of veterans to free exercise of religion. Each applicant submits an official statement ("ecclesiastical endorsement") from their religion or faith group, certifying that the applicant is in good standing with the faith group and is qualified to perform the full range of ministry required in VA setting. VA uses this information to determine (1) who the faith group designates as its endorsing official(s); (2) whether the faith group provides ministry to a lay constituency;

and (3) what is the constituency to which person endorsed by this group may minister.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit Institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Acting Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0358]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to evaluate veterans' and other eligible person's suitability to change their program of education objectives.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0358" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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:* Supplemental Information for Change of Program or Reenrollment After Unsatisfactory Attendance, Conduct or Progress, VA Form 22-8873.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0358.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Veterans and other eligible persons may change their program of education under conditions prescribed by Title 38 U.S.C., Section 3691. Before VA may approve benefits for a second or subsequent change of program, VA must first determine that the new program is suitable to the claimant's aptitudes, interests, and abilities. VA Form 22-8873 is used to gather the necessary information only if the suitability of the proposed training program cannot be established from information already available in the claimant's VA file.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 8,750 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 17,500.

Dated: October 30, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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