

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Total annual burden cost
Oper. Test Reds.	632 railroads	9,120,000	5 minutes	760,000 hours	\$34,200,000.
Summary Tests ..	55 railroads	55 summaries	1 hour	55 hours	\$1.925.
271.11—Copy—Instr. Prog.—Employees. Amendments	20 new railroads	20 Programs	8 hours	160 hours	\$5,600.
220.21(b)—Copy—Op. Rules—Radio. Amendments	632 railroads	220 amendments	55 minutes	202 hours	\$7,070.
	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7.
	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7	Incl. under 217.7.

Total Responses: 9,122,479 .
Total Estimated Annual Burden: 761,428 hours.
Status: Regular Review.
 Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.
 Issued in Washington, DC, on April 18, 2003.
Kathy A. Weiner,
Director, Office of Information Technology and Support Systems, Federal Railroad Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA–2003–14375]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).
ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed information collections, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance number. It is requested, but not required that two (2) copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin M. Levy, Ph.D., NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5119, NTI–131 Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Levy’s telephone number is (202) 366–5597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before a Federal agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing for a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB’s regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

- (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methods and assumptions used;
- (iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In response to these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: Characteristics of Motorcycle Operators.

OMB Clearance Number: None.
Affected Public: Under this proposed collection, personal interviews will be administered to motorcycle operators from the general public. The survey will be administered by face-to-face interviews conducted at sponsored events, races, and recognized motorcyclist gathering sites throughout the United States. In addition, survey data also will be collected at smaller and more localized events such as motorcycle club meetings and popular riding locations. States currently being considered for inclusion are California, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Texas, Virginia, and Florida.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has a central role in the national effort to reduce motor vehicle-related traffic injuries and deaths. U.S. motorcycle-related deaths dropped consistently from 1980 to 1997, but over the past few years this downward trend reversed and injuries and deaths are increasing. The number of fatalities among motorcycle operators rose from 2,116 in 1997 to 3,181 in 2001. Data from NHTSA’s National Center for Statistics and Analysis indicate that this increase is associated with older riders, use of larger motorcycles, and frequent use of alcohol, especially among older riders.

NHTSA is committed to developing effective programs that can reduce the incidence of these crashes. Recently, NHTSA jointly sponsored an effort to assess future needs regarding motorcycle safety. Recommendations from the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (National Agenda) indicated that additional rider research is needed to determine rider characteristics and factors leading to motorcycle crashes. This study supports the National Agenda and future efforts to reduce motorcycle injuries and

deaths by providing updated information about rider operator characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors. Of particular interest will be comparisons of the training, experience, attitudes, and behaviors of those operators who have been involved in crashes versus those who have not.

Preliminary work was conducted to explore the possibility of obtaining a random sample of motorcycle operators using computer-assisted telephone interviewing technology. Unfortunately, only two percent of the U.S. population aged 16 and older ride a motorcycle; thus, standard, nationally based, telephone survey techniques would not be cost effective. Further, contacts with specific States indicated that it is not feasible to obtain a representative sample of motorcycle owners and operators given the limitations of data available from motor-vehicle departments. Therefore, an in-person survey using a convenience sample selected from various venues across broad geographic areas was chosen as the most practical approach.

The survey will be administered using face-to-face interview. Motorcycle operators, both licensed and non-licensed will be included, with a special emphasis on riders over 40 years of age. Participation by respondents will be strictly voluntary. The basic interview will vary from 8–10 minutes; whereas for crash involved operators, an additional 5 minutes of questions will be administered. The average interview should last approximately 12 minutes. The requested expiration date of approval is June 30, 2005.

Trained interviews will use specially developed survey forms with multiple-choice responses where possible to reduce survey administration time and to minimize data collection errors. To further reduce survey administration time and to minimize data collection errors, the trained interviewers will be current motorcyclists where possible. A Spanish-language questionnaire and bilingual interviewer will be used to reduce language barriers to participation. Confidentiality will be assured by conformance to procedures described in CIPSEA 2002.

The findings from this proposed survey will assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of motorcycle operator safety. NHTSA will use the findings to help focus current programs and activities to achieve the greatest benefit, to develop new programs, to decrease the likelihood of such crashes, and to provide informational support to states, localities, law enforcement agencies, and motorcyclists that will aid them in

their efforts to reduce motorcyclist crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Estimate of the Total Annual Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information

NHTSA estimates that respondents in the sample would require an average of 12 minutes to complete the personal interview. Thus, estimated reporting burden on the general public would be a total of 400 hours per year for 2 years. The respondents would not incur any reporting or recordkeeping cost from the information collection.

Number of Respondents: It is anticipated that the number of respondents will be 4,000 motorcycle operators during the course of this study.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NHTSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of NHTSA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 15, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before May 27, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service

OMB Number: 1545–0441.

Form Number: IRS Forms 6559 and 6559–A.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Form 6659: Report and Summary of Magnetic Media; and Form 6559–A: Continuation Sheet for Form 6559.

Description: Forms 6559 and 6559–A are used by filers of Form W–2 wage and tax data to transmit filing on magnetic media. SSA and IRS need signed and summary data for processing purposes. The forms are used primarily by large employers and tax filing services (service bureaus).

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 18 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 27,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1240.

Regulation Project Number: INTL–116–90 NPRM.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Allocation of Charitable Contributions.

Description: The recordkeeping requirement affects businesses or other for-profit institutions. This information is required by the IRS to ensure the proper application of section 1.861–8(e)(iv) of the regulations. This information will be used to verify the U.S. source allocation of certain charitable contributions.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 500.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 500 hours.

OMB Number: 1545–1412.

Regulation Project Number: FI–54–93 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Clear Reflection of Income in the Case of Hedging Transactions.

Description: This information is required by the Internal Revenue Service to verify compliance with section 446 of the Internal Revenue Code. This information will be used to determine that the amount of tax has been computed correctly.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 110,000.