

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0657]

Agency Information Collection (Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools) 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, will submit 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.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or 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. 2900-0657" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0657."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools (Under Chapters 30, 31, 32, and 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapters 1606 and 1607, Title 10, U.S.C.; Sections 901 or 903 of Public Law 96-342, National Call to Service Provision of Public Law 107-314 and the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), VA Form 22-1919.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0657.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA pays education benefits to veterans and other eligible person pursuing approved programs of education. Employees of VA and State approving agency enrolled in a proprietary profit school are prohibit from owning any interest in the school. Educational assistance provided to

veterans or eligible person based on their enrollment in proprietary school and who are officials authorized to signed certificates of enrollment are also prohibit from receiving educational assistance based on their enrollment. Propriety schools officials complete VA Form 22-1919 certifying that the institution and enrollees do not have any conflict of interest.

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 October 16, 2007, at pages 58736-58737.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0390]

Proposed Information Collection (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors); 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 information needed to determine a surviving spouse or child's eligibility to REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors) benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0390" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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, 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: Application of Surviving Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors), VA Form 21-8924.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0390.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Survivors of deceased veteran's complete VA Form 21-8924 to apply for Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits. REPS benefits is payable to certain surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981 or who died as of a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.