

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

**Judith Tillman,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Regional Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—New (EHSRDV)]

### 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 (OPP&P), 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 employment histories in recently discharged veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to David Paschane, Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (008A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail

*David.Paschane@va.gov.* Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900—New (EHSRDV)" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Paschane at (202) 273-6784 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:* Employment Histories Survey of Recently Discharged Veterans.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The purpose of the study is to obtain information on recently discharged veterans and to test the feasibility of a two-wave pilot survey. The data includes recent employment history; occupation; senior management status; employment commensurate with previous work or military experience; experience with training, education, and employment assistance; education; disability status; and geographic mobility.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent and Annual Burden:* 647 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Biennially.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,940.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0386]

### 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. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 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. 2900-0386." 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. 2900-0386" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet, VA Form 26-8923.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0386.

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

*Abstract:* Title 38 U.S.C. 3729(a) requires VA to collect a funding fee in connection with guaranteed or direct loans. The fee is payable for both home and manufactured home loans. To be eligible for the guaranty, lenders must submit VA Form 26-8923, and VA Form 26-1820, Report and Certification of

Loan Disbursement when requesting a guaranty on an interest rate reduction refinancing loan and provide a receipt as proof that the funding fee was paid or evidence that the claimant is exempt from such fee. VA uses the data collected to ensure lenders correctly compute the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans.

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 January 19, 2006 at page 3156.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6,667 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Total Respondents:* 40,000.

Dated: April 4, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0564]

### 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 enroll claimants receiving benefit payments into an electronic funds transfer program.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35 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. 2900-0564" 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 (Public Law 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.

*Titles:*

- a. Direct Deposit Enrollment, VA Form 24-0296.
- b. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Australia), VA Form 24-0296a.
- c. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Canada), VA Form 24-0596b.
- d. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Germany), VA Form 24-2096c.
- e. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Ireland), VA Form 24-0296d.
- f. Direct Deposit Enrollement (United Kingdom), VA Form 24-0296e.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0564.

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

*Abstract:* Claimants complete the Direct Deposit Enrollment forms to authorize VA to electronically deposit their benefit payments into their financial institution account.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

- a. VA Form 24-0296—750 hours.

- b. VA Form 24-0296a (Australia)—100 hours.

- c. VA Form 24-2096b (Canada)—100 hours.

- d. VA Form 24-2096c (Germany)—100 hours.

- e. VA Form 24-2096d (Ireland)—100 hours.

- f. VA Form 24-2096e (United Kingdom)—100 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

- a. VA Form 24-0296—3,000.

- b. VA Form 24-0296a (Australia)—400.

- c. VA Form 24-2096b (Canada)—400.

- d. VA Form 24-2096c (Germany)—400.

- e. VA Form 24-0296d (Ireland)—400.

- f. VA Form 24-0296e (United Kingdom)—400.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0554]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 determine applicants eligibility to receive a grant and/or per diem for programs to assist the homeless.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.