

Dated: January 30, 1996.
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 Director, *Unemployment Insurance Service*.
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Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Notice

In the matter of: 1. Payment of Compensation Without Award (LS-206); 2. Certification of Funeral Expenses (LS-265); 3. Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation (LS-207); 4. Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture (WH-200-MIS).

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of: (1) Payment of Compensation Without Award; (2) Certification of Funeral Expenses; (3) Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation; (4) Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture. Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 8, 1996. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * evaluate 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;

- * evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- * enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- * minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSEE: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601 (this is not a toll-free number), fax 202-219-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Payment of Compensation Without Award

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which provides benefits to certain workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under the Act, a self-insured employer or insurance carrier is required to pay compensation within 14 days after the employer has knowledge of the injury or death. Upon making the first payment, the employer or carrier must immediately notify the deputy commissioner of the payment. This form has been designated as the form on which report of first payment is to be made.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to monitor the payment status of a given case.

Certification of Funeral Expenses

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which provides benefits to certain workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. The Act provides that reasonable funeral expenses not to

exceed \$3,000 shall be paid in all compensable death cases. Form LS-265 has been provided for use in submitting the funeral expenses for payment.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility for monitoring and processing death cases. It is used to certify the amount of funeral expenses incurred in the case.

Notice of Controversion of Right to Compensation

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which provides benefits to certain workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Pursuant to the Act, if an employer controverts the right to compensation he/she shall file with the deputy commissioner in the affected compensation district on or before the fourteenth day after he has knowledge of the alleged injury or death, a notice, in accordance with a form prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, stating that the right to compensation is controverted. This form is used for that purpose.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine the basis for not paying benefits in a case, and to inform the injured claimant of the reason(s) for not paying compensation benefits.

Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture

I. Background

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requires the Secretary of Labor to provide certificates authorizing the employment of full-time students at 65% of the applicable minimum wage in retail or service establishments and in agriculture to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment. These provisions set limits on such employment and prescribe safeguards to protect full-time students so employed and full-time employment opportunities of other workers. 29 CFR Part 519 sets forth the application requirements, the terms and conditions for the employment of students at subminimum wages.

This voluntary use form is prepared and signed by an authorized representative of an employer applying for authorization to employ full-time students at subminimum wages. The completed form is reviewed by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor to determine whether to grant or to deny subminimum wage authority to the applicant.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to provide employers with the certification necessary to pay students at subminimum wages, to protect full-time students so employed, and to protect the full-time opportunities of other workers.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Payment of Compensation Without Award.

OMB Number: 1215-0022.

Agency Number: LS-206.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 900.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 34,200.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 8,550.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$10,944.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Certification of Funeral Expenses.

OMB Number: 1215-0027.

Agency Number: LS-265.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 195.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 195.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 49.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$68,000.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Notice of controversion of Right to Compensation.

OMB Number: 1215-0023.

Agency Number: LS-207.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 900.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 18,900.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,725.

Estimated total Burden Cost: \$7,040.00.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wage in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture.

OMB Number: 1215-0032.

Agency Number: WH-200-MIS.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or Other For-Profit; Not-for-Profit Institutions; Farms.

Total Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Responses: 5,000.

Average Time per Response: 10-30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,100.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$1,600.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 1996.

Cecily A. Rayburn,

Chief, Division of Financial Management,
Office of Management, Administration and
Planning Employment Standards
Administration.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Arts 127th Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held on February 13, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., in Room M-09 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20506.

This meeting will be open to the public. Topics for discussion will include a legislative update, a budget discussion, an update on the reinvented agency, American Canvas, guidelines and/or application review for the Partnership Agreements, the Literature, Jazz Masters and National Heritage Fellowships, and the Arts in Education, Challenge, Expansion Arts, Folk and Traditional Arts, Literature, Media Arts, Museum, Music, Opera-Musical Theater, State and Regional, Theater, and Visual Arts Programs.

If, in the course of discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to

discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, submitted with grant applications, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may attend, as observers, Council discussions and reviews which are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532 TTY-TDD 292/682-5429, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, at 202/682-5570.

Dated: January 30, 1996.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and
Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical & Transport Systems (#1190).

Date: February 20, 1996; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: Room 580, National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Farley Fisher, Program Director, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: 703/306-1370.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Engineering Research Equipment proposals submitted to the Kinetics and Catalysis Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information