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**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0047.

*Title and Form Number:* Financial Statement, VA Form 26-6807.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is completed by respondents (veteran-obligors and prospective assumers) in connection with release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases. The information collection is essential to determinations for release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases.

*Current Actions:* Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C., 3714, VA may release original veteran-obligors from personal liability arising from the original guaranty of their home loans, or the making of a direct loan, provided purchasers/assumers meet the necessary requirements, among which is qualifying from a credit standpoint. Substitution of entitlement is authorized by 38 U.S.C., 3702(b)(2) and prospective veteran-assumers must also meet the creditworthiness requirements. The form may also be used to determine a borrower's financial condition in connection with efforts to reinstate a seriously defaulted guaranteed, insured, or portfolio loan. In addition, the form may be used in determining the eligibility of homeowners for aid under the Homeowners Assistance Program, Public Law 89-754, which provides assistance by reducing losses incident to the disposal of homes when military installations at which the homeowners

were employed or serving are ordered closed in whole or in part.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 30,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: October 31, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary:

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request; Request for Postponement of Offsite or Exterior Onsite Improvements—Home Loan, VA Form 26-1847**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

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public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0040.

*Title and Form Number:* Request for Postponement of Offsite or Exterior Onsite Improvements—Home Loan, VA Form 26-1847.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form serves as the lender's and veteran's request for guaranty of home loan for which offsite or exterior onsite improvements are incomplete to permit the veteran's occupancy of the property. Without this information, it would not be possible for loans to be guaranteed in such cases with adequate protection for the veteran and VA, and for veterans to occupy affected properties.

*Current Actions:* VA is directed by Title 38 U.S. Code with assuring that properties proposed for VA financing meet certain standards, are suitable as dwellings, and that proposed loans do not exceed the VA-established reasonable value of the property. The reasonable value, in case of new construction, is based on the anticipated value of the dwelling and all improvements after completion. New homes often cannot be completed in every respect because of weather conditions or other circumstances. However, VA policies permit the closing of loans in such cases when the house itself is basically complete, but certain offsite or exterior onsite improvements are incomplete. For such cases, funds amounting to one and one-half times the cost of completion must be deposited with a third party, or other incentives to completion must be present which are acceptable to VA. Escrow funds may only be used to complete the remaining improvements. These procedures make it possible for loans to be guaranteed in such cases with adequate protection for the veteran and VA, and for veterans to occupy affected properties.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to

Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Verification of Pursuit of Course (Leading to a Standard College Degree), VA Form 22-6553**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for

the collection of information should be received on or before January 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0355.

*Title and Form Number:* Verification of Pursuit of Course (Leading to a Standard College Degree), VA form 22-6553.

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

*Need and Uses:* The form is used by schools to certify enrollment information and to report changes in a student's enrollment status. The information is used to determine if VA education benefits are affected.

*Current Actions:* VA is authorized to pay education benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under Chapters 32 and 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.; and Section 903 of Public Law 96-342. Benefits are not payable when pursuit of the program is interrupted or terminated, or is not in accordance with the regularly established policies and regulations of the school. Schools are required to report, without delay to VA, in the form required by VA, failure to enroll, an interruption or termination, or a finding of unsatisfactory progress or conduct. Schools are also required to verify the continued enrollment of

degree-seeking students whose enrollment has previously certified to VA for a period of more than one semester, quarter, or term. VA Form 22-6553 serves as this verification of enrollment and report of change in enrollment status. For students receiving assistance under chapter 1606 Title 10, U.S.C., schools receive computer generated letters containing the same information (essentially a computer generated letter requesting the same information requested on VA Form 22-6553). These forms are associated with all other forms for the school and sent in a packet with a cover letter.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 35,240 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,286.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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