

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, GL-238-88, Preparer Penalties—Manual Signature Requirement. (Regulation section 1.6695-1(b)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1996, to be assured to consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Preparer Penalties—Manual Signature Requirement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1385

*Regulation Project Number:* GL-238-88 Final.

*Abstract:* The reporting requirements affect returns preparers of fiduciary returns. They will be required to submit a list of the names and identifying numbers of all fiduciary returns which are being filed with a facsimile signature of the returns preparer.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

*Type of Review:* Extension of OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour and 17 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25,825 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize 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 request.

Approved: February 9, 1996

Garrick R. Shear,

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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comments concerning an existing notice of proposed rulemaking and a temporary regulation, EE-45-93, Electronic Filing of Form W-4. (Regulation section 31.3402(f)(5)-2T).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Electronic Filing of Form W-4.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1435.

*Regulation Project Number:* EE-45-93  
Notice of proposed rulemaking and temporary regulations.

*Abstract:* Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service to verify compliance with section 31.3402(f)(2)-1(g)(1), which requires submission to the Service of certain withholding exemption certificates. The affected respondents are employers that choose to make electronic filing of Forms W-4 available to their employees.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

*Type of Review:* Extension of OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, business or other for-profit institutions, federal agencies, and nonprofit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000 hours

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques of the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Approved: February 7, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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