

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 April 29, 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:* 2900-0236.

*Title and Form Number:* Application for Education Loan, VA Form 22-8725.

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

*Need and Uses:* This form requests information needed to determine eligibility for an education loan. A complete report of the applicant's financial resources and education-related expenses is required to compute the amount of an education loan.

*Current Actions:* To apply for a VA education loan under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 35, a claimant must provide information relating to his or her financial resources and education-related expenses.

This information is collected on VA Form 22-8725, Application for Education Loan. If the claimant is

otherwise eligible, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can grant an education loan if the education-related expenses exceed financial resources (38 U.S.C. 3698).

VA uses the information from the current collection to determine whether an eligible claimant's education-related expenses will exceed his or her financial resources during a specified enrollment period.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 33 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 40 minutes per application.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: February 8, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**Residency Realignment Review Committee, Notice of Meeting**

As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the VA hereby gives notice that the Residency Realignment Review Committee has scheduled a meeting on March 4th and 5th, 1996. The meeting on the 4th will start at 10 a.m. and end

at 5 p.m. and the meeting on the 5th will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12 noon. The meeting will be held in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the committee is to review the present scope and structure of Veterans Health Administration's Residency Program to ensure that the program is effective in future health care setting.

The morning of the first day will be to discuss distribution of VA Residency Positions and patient socio-demographics and service needs. The afternoon will be divided into working groups and will rejoin for working group summaries. The meeting on the second day will be an overview of the first day's discussions and planning work assignments and the agenda for the next meeting. The next meeting will be to finalize a report to the VA Under Secretary for Health with recommendations for restructuring VA residency programs. Future meetings will be announced as their dates are set. VA has determined that the work of this Committee is in the public interest.

The meeting will be open to the public. Due to limited seating capacity of the room, those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Sylvia Best, Department of Veterans Affairs at (202) 565-7954 or 7955.

The Designated Federal Official for the Committee is Jan Lamoreaux, Office of Policy, Planning and Performance (phone number: (202) 565-7961).

Dated: February 21, 1996.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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