

rehabilitation. VA must also provide counseling services to help a veteran or other beneficiary to select an educational, training, or employment objective.

**Current Actions:** VA Form 28-1902 is used as part of the application for benefits, primary for Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 31, vocational rehabilitation, but also for counseling under other VA educational benefit programs. The collection of information is necessary to provide educational, vocational, psychological, employment, and personal adjustment counseling that are part of the chapter 31 program.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 30,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 60,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the reports should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the 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 by no later than September 3, 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 the VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0029.

**Titles and Form Numbers:**

- a. Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705
- b. Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b
- c. Addendum to VA Form 26-6705, VA Form 26-6705c
- d. Addendum to VA Form 26-6705 (Virginal), VA Form 26-6705d

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

**Needs and Uses:**

a. VA Form 26-6705 is used by the private sector sales broker to submit an offer to the VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property. The form will be prepared for each proposed contract submitted to the VA. If the VA accepts the offer to purchase, it then becomes a contract of sale. The form defines the terms of sale, provides the prospective purchaser with a receipt for his/her earnest money deposit, eliminates the need for separate transmittal of a purchase offer and develops the contract without such intermediate processing steps and furnishes evidence of the station decision with respect to the acceptance of the contract as tendered. Without this information, a determination of the best offer for a property cannot be made.

b. VA Form 26-6705b is used as a credit application to determine the creditworthiness of a prospective purchaser in those instances when the prospective purchaser seeks the VA vendee financing, along with VA Form 26-6705. In such sales, the offer to purchase will not be accepted until the purchaser's income and credit history have been verified and a loan analysis has been completed, indicating loan approval. Without this information, the creditworthiness of a prospective purchaser cannot be determined and the offer to purchase cannot be accepted.

c. VA Form 26-6705c, using the "highest net return/cash equivalent value" (EWCEV) procedure, is intended

to simplify the selection process among competing offers and ensure that the offer selected provides the greatest value to the VA. The procedure requires one or more calculations on each offer in order to convert it to a "net to VA" basis which can easily be compared to other offers, and thus enable the VA to be sure that the highest real dollar offer is accepted. The sole purpose of the HNR/CEV is to determine which offer is the most financially advantageous to the VA and in turn, the taxpayers. This procedure is very similar to the calculation prepared on most private sector transactions in order to show the seller what he or she will receive as proceeds of sale.

d. VA Form 26-6705d is an addendum to VA Form 26-6705 for use in Virginia. It includes requirements of State law which must be acknowledged by the purchaser at or prior to closing.

**Current Actions:** Under the authority of Title 38 U.S.C 3720(a) (5) and (6), VA acquires properties for sale to the general public utilizing the services of private real estate brokers.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 64,583 hours.

- a. VA Form 26-6705—33,333 hours.
- b. VA Form 26-6705b—33,500 hours.
- c. VA Form 26-6705c—8,333 hours.
- d. VA Form 26-6705d—417 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 14 minutes (average).

- a. VA Form 26-6705—20 minutes.
- b. VA Form 26-6705b—20 minutes.
- c. VA Form 26-6705c—5 minutes.
- d. VA Form 26-6705d—5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Generally one-time.

**Estimated Number of Total Respondents:** 272,500.

- a. VA Form 26-6705—100,000.
- b. VA Form 26-6705b—67,500.
- c. VA Form 26-6705c—100,000.
- d. VA Form 26-6705d—5,000.

**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), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8032 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

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