

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 23, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 16th day of December, 1996.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Steven F. Hanft,

Assistant Executive Secretary (Regulatory Analysis).

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Office of Thrift Supervision

[No. 96-124]

Public Disclosure of Reports of Condition

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) revised its Thrift Financial Report (TFR), effective June, 1996. The revisions to the TFR format do not affect the availability of information contained in the TFR. Most information collected in the TFR will continue to be publicly available pursuant to section 5(v) of the Home Owners' Loan Act. Information in certain previously identified areas will continue to not be available to the public because the Director of OTS has determined that the disclosure of such items would not be in the public interest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick G. Berbakos, Director, Financial Reporting Division, (202) 906-6720, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 5(v) of the Home Owners' Loan Act, 12 U.S.C. 1464(v), each savings association is required to make reports of condition to OTS in a form established by OTS. Section 5(v) further requires that such reports and all the information they contain be available to the public unless the OTS Director determines that public disclosure of particular information would not protect the safety or soundness of a particular institution or institutions or the Savings Association Insurance Fund, or would not otherwise be in the public interest. If the Director restricts disclosure of any information for savings associations generally, that fact

and the reason therefor are to be disclosed in the Federal Register.

On August 7, 1990, OTS gave notice that certain information collected on the TFR would not be publicly disclosed. 55 FR 32168 (August 7, 1990). Over the years, OTS has reviewed and revised the scope of the information not available for public disclosure.¹

Last year, after public notice and comment, OTS substantially streamlined the TFR, effective June, 1996. This revised TFR format does not substantively impact the disclosure of TFR information, although some information that is not publicly available is now located in a different schedule. All other information collected by the TFR will continue to be made publicly available.

Information on interest-rate-risk data, loans 30-89 days past due, and classified assets will continue to be withheld for the reasons set forth in the August 1990 Notice. As noted in the February 1994 Notice, aggregate CMR data is publicly available for selected industry peer groups.

Interest-rate-risk data continues to be located in Schedule CMR. Schedule PD, Lines 10 and 115 to 150 continues to contain information on Loans 30-89 Days Past Due. Classified Assets, which was located in schedule TA, Lines 400-430 on the old TFR, is now found in schedule VA, Lines 960, 965, 970, and 975 in the streamlined TFR.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nicolas P. Retsinas

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

¹ Some of this information, Specific Valuation Allowances and Debt Restructured During the Quarter, was later determined to be appropriate for disclosure. Those items were disclosed beginning with the March 1993 TFR. On February 28, 1994, OTS issued a notice that information used to measure interest rate risk originally contained in TFR schedule MR was now found in TFR schedule CMR and would continue to be withheld from disclosure except for aggregate CMR data for selected industry peer groups. 59 FR 9520 (February 28, 1994).

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 February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), 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: 2900-0178.

Title and Form Number: Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training, VA Form 22-6553d. (Note: A reference to VA Form 22-6553d also includes VA Form 22-6553d-1 unless otherwise specified. VA Form 22-6553d-1 contains the same information as VA Form 22-6553d.)

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used by trainees and employers to report the number of hours worked in on-the-job training programs and apprenticeships, and to report terminations of training in such programs. The information is used by the VA to determine whether a trainee's education benefits are to be continued, changed or terminated, and the effective date of such action.

Current Actions: The VA is authorized to pay education benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs not leading to a standard college degree under Title 38, U.S.C., Chapters 32 and 35, Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 1606, and Public Law 96-342, Section 903. Benefits are authorized monthly based upon the number of hours worked by the trainee and verified by the training establishment. The form is completed by the trainee and the training establishment to report to the VA the