

writing before a record or information is released.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 18,875 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 7.5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 151,000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Barbara Epps, Office of Management (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8013 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Information Management Service.

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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 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: 2900-0460.

Title and Form Number: Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release From Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan, VA Form 26-6381.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is completed by veterans who are selling their homes by assumption rather than requiring purchasers to obtain their own financing to pay off the loan. The information furnished is essential to determinations for assumption approval, release of liability, and substitution of entitlement.

Current Actions: Title 38, U.S.C., Section 3713(a) provides that when a veteran disposes of his or her interest in the property securing the loan, the VA may, upon request, release the original veteran-borrower from personal liability to the Government only if three requirements are fulfilled. First, the loan must be current. Second, the purchaser must assume all of the veteran's liability to the Government and the mortgage holder on the guaranteed loan. Third, the purchaser must qualify from a credit and income standpoint, to the same extent as if he or she were a veteran applying for a VA-guaranteed loan in the same amount as the loan being assumed.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 790 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,740.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request

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ACTION: Notice.

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OMB Control Number: 2900-0098.

Title and Form Number: Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Under Provisions of Chapter 35, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form serves as an application for Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA). The information collection is necessary for the VA to determine the eligibility of a veteran's or serviceperson's children, spouse or surviving spouse to DEA.

Current Actions: Spouses, surviving spouses, and children of veterans must submit evidence to establish eligibility and entitlement to DEA under Title 38, U.S.C., 3513. The VA uses the information to determine if an individual claimant qualifies for DEA benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,700 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once—Initial Application.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,400.