

and Adaptive Equipment, VA Form 21-4502.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used to gather the necessary information to determine if the veteran has established entitlement to an automobile allowance or adaptive equipment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 375 hours.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 1,500.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this submission may be obtained from Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015.

Comments and recommendations concerning this submission should be directed to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. DO NOT send requests for benefits to this address.

DATES: Comments on the information collection should be directed to the OMB Desk Officer by March 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), (202) 273-8015.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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**Agency Information Collection:
Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0444.

Title and Form Number: VAAR Subpart 819.70, Veteran-Owned and

Operated Small Business, (Exceptions to SF 18 and SF 129).

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Need and Uses: Public Law 93-237, amended the Small Business Act by directing the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to give "special consideration" to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in all SBA programs. The VA adopted the "special consideration" philosophy and has directed all VA contracting activities to take affirmative action to solicit and assist Vietnam Era and disabled veteran-owned small businesses to participate in the VA acquisition process. This action established the VA Vietnam Era and Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Outreach Program. The VA did receive OMB approval to modify SF 18, Request for Quotations, and SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application, to include Vietnam Era and disabled veteran-owned information. The Secretary approved an initiative to expand the Vietnam Era and Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Outreach Program to include all veteran-owned small businesses. Title 38 U.S.C., vests the Secretary with broad authority and responsibility to assist veterans. Therefore, the VA requests that OMB approval be granted to include veteran-owned businesses in addition to Vietnam Era and disabled veteran-owned businesses information on SF 18 and SF 129. The information requested will be a self certification that a firm is veteran-owned. It allows the VA to ensure that eligible veteran-owned firms are given an opportunity to participate in the VA acquisition process and to monitor our success in implementing these regulatory provisions. The information requested on the SF 18 and SF 129 will be solicited from the respondents on a voluntary basis and will be used by the VA to identify veteran-owned businesses to ensure eligible veteran-owned firms are given an opportunity to participate in VA solicitations for good and services. Without this information there would be no way for the VA to properly monitor this program.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,727 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: Additional burden imposed on SF 18 and SF 129 is 5 seconds.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,403,500.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this submission may be obtained from Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015.

Comments and recommendations concerning this submission should be directed to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. DO NOT send requests for benefits to this address.

DATES: Comments on the information collection should be directed to the OMB Desk Officer by March 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), (202) 273-8015.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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**Agency Information Collection:
Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0156.

Titles and Form Numbers: Notice of Change in Student Status, VA Forms 22-1999b and 22-1999b-1.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The information collected on the forms is used by the VA to determine if a claimant's educational benefits are to be increased, decreased, or terminated. Without this information, the VA might underpay or overpay benefits.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government—Business or other for-profit—Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 73,181 hours.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.