

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1444.

*Form Number:* 8844.

*Abstract:* Employers who hire employees who live and work in one of the 9 designated empowerment zones can receive a tax credit for the first \$15,000 of wages paid to each employee. The credit is applicable from the date of designation through the year 2004.

*Current Actions:* Line 12c (Adoption Credit) was added to the form effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 1996. The adoption credit will become part of the computation of the tax liability limitation on the empowerment zone employment credit.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, farms, and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 11 hr., 46 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 352,800.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 8, 1997.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of Thrift Supervision**

[AC-16; OTS Nos. H-2269 and 5061]

**Bayonne Bankshares, M.H.C., Bayonne, New Jersey; Approval of Conversion Application**

Notice is hereby given that on July 2, 1997, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Bayonne Bankshares, M.H.C., Bayonne, New Jersey, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****OMB Control No. 2900-0438; Proposed Information Collection Activity; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously

approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the release of names and addresses to nonprofit organizations.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Dolly V. Jackson, Office of Management (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0438" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dolly V. Jackson at (202) 273-8022.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden estimate of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* 38 CFR 1.519(a) Lists of Names and Addresses.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0438.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(f)(1) authorizes the VA to disclose mailing lists of veterans and their dependents to nonprofit organizations, but only for certain specific and narrow purposes. Criminal penalties are provided for improper use of the list by the organization in violation of subsection (f) limitations. The information collection in this regulation ensures that any disclosure of a list under this subsection is authorized by law. The VA must ascertain that the applicant is a

nonprofit organization and intends to use the list for a proper purpose; if not, Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(a) prohibits disclosure. The additional information collection (specific geographic locations, point of contact, type of output and signature of organization head) is necessary to ensure timely and accurate processing of each application. Failure to obtain this information will prevent the Department from fulfilling its statutory obligations.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 110 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 60 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 110.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0110]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110" in any correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0110.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* 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.

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 was a veteran applying for a VA-guaranteed loan in the same amount as the loan being assumed.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 30, 1996 at page 68819.

*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.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110" in any correspondence.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0078]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0078" in any correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0078.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The form letter is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a specific veteran. Failure to obtain this information may prevent VA from taking action on the correspondence. VA personnel use the information to identify a specific veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as, process a benefit claim or file material in an individual's claims folder. Completion of VA Form Letter 70-2 is voluntary and failure to