

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Denver Center, ATTN: Ruth Roehrman, 6760 East Irvington Place, Denver, CO 80279-3000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Ruth Roehrman, 303-676-7613.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Dependency Statement—Child Born Out of Wedlock Under Age 21 (DFAS-DE Form 1865).

Needs and Uses: A military member may claim a child born out-of-wedlock for a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege (USIP) card depending upon the relationship. Pursuant to 10 USC 1072 and 1076, the member must provide at least one-half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Volume 7A defines the definition of dependent and directs that dependency be proved. This form may be prepared by the military member him/herself or may be prepared by another individual who may be a member of the public.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Annual Burden Hours: 700 hours.
Number of Respondents: 350.
Responses per Respondent: 1 (new form may be required if circumstances change).

Average Burden Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

When military members apply for benefits, they must complete Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver Form 1865 (DFAS-DE Form 1865). While members normally complete these forms, they can also be completed by others considered members of the public. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. Without this collection of information, proof of an entitlement to a benefit would not exist. This collection also decreases the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents. The requirement to complete this form helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste, and abuse of dependent benefits.

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Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Dependency Statement—Incapacitated Child Over Age 21 (DFAS-DE Form 1866).

Needs and Uses: A military member may claim an incapacitated child over age 21 for monetary allowances or a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege (USIP) card depending upon the relationship. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide at least one-half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Volume 7A defines the definition of dependent and directs that dependency be proved. This form may be prepared by the military member him/herself or may be prepared by another individual who may be a member of the public.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Annual Burden Hours: 1500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 750.

Responses Per Respondent: 1 (new form may be required if circumstances change).

Average Burden Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

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