

By direction of the Secretary.

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Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0012]

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 March 23, 1998.

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. 2900-0012."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Numbers: Application for Cash Surrender or Policy Loan, VA Form 29-1546.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0012.

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

Abstract: The form is used by the insured to apply for cash surrender value or policy loan on his/her Government Life Insurance. The information is used by the VBA to process the insured's request for a loan or cash surrender.

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 October 30, 1997 at page 58777.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,939 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,636.

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. 2900-0012" in any correspondence.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0396]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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ACTION: Notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Certification of Training (Under the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act), VA Form 22-8929.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0396.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously

approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Public Law 102-484 established the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA). Section 4467 requires monthly or quarterly certification of training under SMOCTA. An employer uses VA Form 22-8929 to advise VA of: (1) The number of hours a veteran has worked in an approved program during each month; (2) the amount and date of payment the employer has made to the veteran for the purchase of any tools and work-related equipment; and (3) the training status of the veteran (e.g., currently training, satisfactorily completed training, quit, laid off, etc.). Continued use of VA Form 22-8929 is necessary to authorize reimbursement to an employer.

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 November 6, 1997 at page 60121.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, State, Local or Tribal Government, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes per application.

Estimated Annual Recordkeeping Burden: 85 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Recordkeeper: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Monthly or Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 85.

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. 2900-0396" in any correspondence.

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