

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0394]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 for a previous approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to certify school attendance.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0394" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden 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:* Certification of School Attendance—REPS, VA Form 21-8926.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0394.

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

*Abstract:* The VA administers the Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS). The program pays VA benefits to certain surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981 or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981. Child beneficiaries must be enrolled full-time in an approved postsecondary school. The information reported on VA Form 21-8926 is used by VA to verify that an individual who is receiving REPS benefits based on schoolchild status is in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 300 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*  
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[OMB Control No. 2900-0539]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to apply for Supplemental Service Disabled Insurance.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0539" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden 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:* Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance, VA Form 29-0188.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0539.

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

*Abstract:* The form is used by veterans to apply for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance. No insurance may be granted unless a completed application has been received. The information is used by the VBA to determine eligibility for insurance.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.