

(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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review proposed revisions to an information collection titled Examination Questionnaire.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC. Comments are due on or before June 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed. Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0199, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 1557-0199.

Form Number: CC-2000-01 (Rev) and CC-2000-02 (Rev).

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Examination Questionnaire.

Description: This notice covers a revision of a currently approved collection of information titled Examination Questionnaire. Completed Examination Questionnaires provide the OCC with information needed to properly evaluate the effectiveness of the examination process and agency communications. The OCC will use the information to identify problems or trends that may impair the effectiveness of the examination process, to identify ways to improve its service to the banking industry, and to analyze staff and training needs.

There are two versions of the questionnaire—one for community and mid-sized banks and one for large banks. Community and mid-sized banks will receive the questionnaire as part of each safety and soundness examination or other examination-related activity. Large banks will be invited to provide comments annually.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,600.

Total Annual Responses: 3,900.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 650 burden hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Gates or John Ference, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0199, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on:

(1) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(5) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR-77-86]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing temporary regulation, LR-77-86 (TD 8124), Certain Elections Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (S 5h.5).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 13, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certain Elections Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

OMB Number: 1545-0982.

Regulation Project Number: LR-77-86.

Abstract: Section 5h.5 (a) of this regulation sets forth general rules for the time and manner of making various elections under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The regulation enables taxpayers to take advantage of various benefits provided by the Internal Revenue Code.