

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 200 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 60 minutes to respond, including a medical examination. The annual estimated burden is 200 hours. Burden may vary depending on the time required for a medical examination.

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DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Phyllis R. Pinkney, Management Analyst Budget & Administrative Services Division (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of computer matching program.

SUMMARY: Subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), requires agencies to publish advance notice of any proposed or revised computer matching program for comment. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is issuing notice of its intent to conduct a computer matching program with the state of Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS). The matching program will identify Postal Service employees receiving

benefits to which they are not entitled under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), the Food Stamp program, and Medicaid program administered by the state of Texas.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than September 7, 1999. Unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination, the matching program covered by this notice will begin as stated in the paragraph "Dates of the Matching Program" in the "Supplementary Information" section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8141, Washington, DC 20260-5202, or delivered to Room 8141 at the above address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments received may also be inspected during the above hours in Room 8141.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alberta McKay, (202) 268-4048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the USPS and TDHS will enter into an agreement to conduct a computer matching program, as described below, in accordance with paragraph 4d of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (61 FR 6427).

a. *Participating Agencies:* USPS (recipient agency) and TDHS.

b. *Purpose of the Matching Program:* To identify Postal Service employees who are receiving benefits to which they are not entitled under public assistance programs (TANF, Food Stamp, and Medicaid) administered by the state of Texas; to recoup monies for improperly received benefits; to adjust or terminate benefits as appropriate; and to take appropriate action against those persons fraudulently receiving benefits.

c. *Legal Authorities Authorizing Operation of the Match:* 39 U.S.C. 404 (Postal Reorganization Act).

d. *Categories of Individuals Matched and Identification of Records Used:* Postal Service employee data records within Privacy Act system USPS 050.020 identified as Finance Records-Payroll System (57 FR 57515) and state of Texas' file of recipients of benefits under TANF, Food Stamp, and Medicaid programs administered by the TDHS.

e. *Dates of the Matching Program:* This matching program is expected to begin in September 1999 and to continue in effect for 18 months unless

terminated earlier by either party. Matching activity under this program will begin no sooner than 40 days after the last of the following to occur: (1) Publication of this notice; (2) transmittal of this matching agreement to Congress; or (3) report of the matching program to OMB and to Congress.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are Invited on

(a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Evidence of Marital Relationship, Living with Requirements; OMB 3220-0021.

To support an application for a spouse or widow(er)'s annuity under Sections 2(c) or 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, an applicant must submit proof of a valid marriage to a railroad employee. In some cases, the existence of a marital relationship is not formalized by a civil or religious ceremony. In other cases, questions may arise about the legal termination of a prior marriage of an employee, spouse, or widow(er). In these instances, the RRB must secure additional information to resolve questionable marital relationships. The circumstances requiring an applicant to submit documentary evidence of marriage are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30.