

specified by the Secretary, the holder will credit the indebtedness with that amount. The holder may then retain the property, or not later than 15 days after the date of sale, advise the Secretary of its election to convey and transfer the property to the Secretary. VA Form 26-8903 serves four purposes: holder's election to convey; invoice for the purchase price of the property; VA's voucher for authorizing payment to the holder; and establishment of the VA's property records. The form provides the holder, who has elected to convey a property to the VA, with a convenient and uniform means of notification to the proper VA regional office. This form simplifies processing for lenders/holders who, in most instances, operate branch offices statewide and nationwide.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0460]

### 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 for information needed to verify loan applicant's income and employment.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 29, 1999.

**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. 2900-0460" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**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:* Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0460.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Abstract:* VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. The VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided. The form is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 50,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

**Sandra S. McIntyre,**

*Management and Program Analyst,  
Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0029]

### 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 October 28, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0029."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Titles and Form Numbers:*

a. Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705.

b. Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b.

c. Addendum to VA Form 26-6705 (Virginia), VA Form 26-6705d

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0029.

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

*Abstract:*

a. VA Form 26-6705 is used by the private sector sales broker to submit an offer to the VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property. The form will be prepared for each proposed contract submitted to the