

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.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 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. 2900-0034."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Trainee Request for Leave—Chapter 31, Title 38, U.S. Code, VA Form 28-1905h.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0034.

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

Abstract: VA Form 28-1905h serves as the only document for requesting leave and for providing the information necessary to determine whether to approve the leave request. A trainer or authorized school official must verify on the form the effect the absence will have on the veteran's progress in the program. The case manager supervising the veteran's training approves or denies the leave request. Upon approval, the veteran can receive subsistence allowance and other program services during the leave period. Disapproval of the request may result in loss of subsistence allowance for the leave period. Failure to collect the information would create the potential for substantial abuse through receipt of benefits for unauthorized absences.

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 August 3, 1999 at page 42171.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

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. 2900-0034" in any correspondence.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0107]

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Certificate as to Securities, VA Form 21-4709.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0107.

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

Abstract: The form is used to verify investment in saving bonds and other securities reported in the accounting as part of the beneficiary's estate. The information provided on the form provides VA with an independent verification of the value of reported estate assets. Without independent verification of assets, account audits

would be less useful in preventing asset diversion, fraud and abuse.

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Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 863 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.
Frequency of Response: Generally one time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,316.

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. 2900-0107" in any correspondence.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0265]

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ACTION: Notice.

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