

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Request and
Comment Request**

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of this publication.

1. Request for Reconsideration-0960-NEW. The information collected on Form SSA-561 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to document and initiate the reconsideration process for determining entitlement to Social Security benefits under (title II), Supplemental Security Income payments (title XVI), Special Veterans Benefits (title VIII) and Medicare benefits (title XVIII). The respondents are individuals filing for such reconsideration.

Number of respondents: 1,455,000.

Number of Response: 1.

Average burden per response: 8 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 194,000.

2. Disability Hearing Officer's Decision—Title XVI Disabled Child Continuing Disability Review—0960-NEW. The information collected on form SSA-1209 will be used by State Disability Hearing Officers (DHO) to formalize disability decisions. The form will aid the DHO in addressing the crucial elements of the case in a sequential and logical fashion. The form is used as the official determination of the DHO's decision and the personalized portion of the notice to the claimant.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3.6 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 144,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. Claimant's Medications-0960-0289. SSA uses Form HA-4632 to request that applicants for disability benefits provide information to facilitate processing their title II, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and Title XVI, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. The form elicits from the claimants an updated list of medications used by the claimants. It enables the Administrative Law Judge hearing the case to fully inquire into medical treatment the claimant is receiving and the effect of medications on the claimant's medical impairments. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 171,939.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42,985 hours.

2. Statement of Employer-0960-0030. The information collected on Form SSA-7011 is needed by SSA to substantiate allegations of wages paid to workers when those wages do not appear in SSA's records of earnings and the worker does not have proof that payment was made. This information is used to process claims for social security benefits and to resolve discrepancies in earnings records. The respondents are certain employers who can verify allegations of wages made by the wage earner.

Number of Respondents: 925,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 308,333 hours.

3. Request for SSI Benefit Estimate-0960-0492. SSA uses Form SSA-3716 for an SSI beneficiary who wishes to request a 5-month estimate of what their benefits would be if they should return

to work in the future. The respondents are SSI recipients.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,167 hours.

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New Executive Office Building, Room
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D.C. 20503.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP); Public Hearings for the
Petitions for the GSP 1999 IPR Country
Practices Review, Additional Change
in Schedule of Hearings and Deadline
for Submitting Comments on Petitions
for the GSP 1999 Country Practices
Review**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of Change in Schedule of
Hearings and Deadline for Submitting
Comments on Petitions for the GSP 1999
Country Practices Review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given of a change in the date,
and a change in the date for submission
of comments, for the GSP Public
Hearings to be held for country practice
petitions accepted for review in the GSP
1999 Country Practices Review. These
hearings were scheduled for April 3 and
April 4, 2000, and then rescheduled for
April 13 and April 14, beginning at
10:00 a.m. A **Federal Register** notice
regarding these hearings was published
on February 14, 2000 (65 FR 7410-
7412), and then another published on
March 1, 2000 (65 FR 11104-11105).

The scheduled dates for the GSP
Public Hearings are changed from April
3 and April 4, 2000, and again from
April 13 and April 14, to May 12. There
is only one day of hearings. The location