

Management and Budget a request to approve the use of the peace Corps/ Crisis Corps Volunteer Application Form. The initial Federal Register notice, for a 60 day emergency approval, was published on March 3, 2000. The Peace Corps is now seeking three year OMB approval using the standard review procedures. The Peace Corps invited comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology. Comments on these forms should be addressed to Desk Officer for the Peace Corps, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

DATES: The Peace Corps invited comments for a period of 30 days following the initial publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Joan Timoney, Director of the Crisis Corps, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20526. Ms. Timoney may be contacted by telephone at 202-692-2250. Comments on these forms should be addressed to Mr. Davis Rostker, Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, NEOB, Washington DC 20523.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Michael J. Kole,

Director of Administrative Services and Certifying Official.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[RI 25-41]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.

L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 25-41, Initial Certification of Full-Time School Attendance, is used to determine whether a child is unmarried and a full-time student in a recognized school. OPM must determine this in order to pay survivor annuity benefits to children who are age 18 or older.

Approximately 1,200 RI 25-41 forms are completed annually. It takes approximately 90 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 1,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 10, 2000.

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 3349A, Washington, DC 20415-3540

and
Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, (202) 606-0623

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[RI 92-19]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel

Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 92-19, Application for Deferred or Postponed Retirement: Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS), is used by separated employees to apply for either a deferred or a postponed FERS annuity benefit.

Approximately 1,272 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 60 minutes to complete the form. The annual estimated burden is 1,272 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 10, 2000.

ADDRESS: Send or deliver comments to—

John Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, (202) 606-0623

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[RI 38-128]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 38-128, It's Time to Sign Up for Direct

Deposit, is used to give recent retirees the opportunity to waive Direct Deposit of their payments from OPM. The form is sent only if the separating agency did not give the retiring employee this election opportunity.

Approximately 45,500 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 22,750 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 10, 2000.

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;

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW Room 3002, Washington, DC 20503.

For information regarding

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Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2000 Pay Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain categories of Federal employees in January 2000. This notice documents those pay adjustments for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise Jenkins, Office of Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-2858, FAX (202) 606-0824, or email to payleave@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 21, 1999, the President signed

Executive Order 13144 (64 FR 72237, December 23, 1999), which established the January 2000 across-the-board adjustments for the statutory pay systems and the 2000 locality pay adjustments for General Schedule (GS) employees in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The President made these adjustments consistent with section 646 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106-58, September 29, 1999). Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13144 provides the rates for the 2000 General Schedule and reflects a 3.8 percent general increase. Executive Order 13144 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2000 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13144.) The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13144 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2000 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. In 2000, locality payments ranging from 6.78 percent to 15.01 percent apply to GS employees in 32 locality pay areas. These 2000 locality pay percentages, which replaced the locality pay percentages that were applicable in 1999, became effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2000. An employee's locality-adjusted annual rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of basic pay (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5302(8) and 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.605.)

On December 7, 1999, the President's Pay Agent extended the 2000 locality-based comparability payments to the same Governmentwide and single-agency categories of non-GS employees that received the 1999 locality payments. The Governmentwide categories include members of the Senior Executive Service (SES), the Foreign Service, the Senior Foreign Service, employees in senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions, administrative law judges, and members of Boards of Contract Appeals.

Executive Order 13144 establishes the new Executive Schedule, which incorporates the 3.4 percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318. The Executive order also reflects a decision by the President to increase the rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) by 3.8 percent

(rounded to the nearest \$100) at SES levels ES-1 through ES-3 and by 3.6 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) at ES-4. Since the maximum rate of basic pay for SES members is limited by law to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule, which was increased to \$122,400, the rates of basic pay for levels ES-5 and ES-6 were increased by approximately 3.4 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100).

Public Law 106-97 of November 12, 1999, amended 5 U.S.C. 5372 to provide the President with authority to adjust the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) at the time of the pay increase for the statutory pay systems. The Executive order reflects a decision by the President to increase the rates of basic pay for ALJs at level AL-2 and AL-3 by 3.8 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100). The President increased the rate of basic pay for AL-1 by approximately 3.4 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100), since that rate is capped at the rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule.

The rates of basic pay for Board of Contract Appeals (BCA) members are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, BCA rates of basic pay were increased by approximately 3.4 percent. Also, the maximum rate of basic pay for senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions was increased by approximately 3.4 percent (to \$122,400) because it is tied to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. The minimum rate of basic pay for SL/ST positions is equal to 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15, and thus was increased by 3.8 percent (to \$93,137). (See 5 U.S.C. 5376.)

OPM published "Salary Tables for 2000" (OPM Doc. 124-48-6) in March 2000. This document provides complete salary tables incorporating the 2000 pay adjustments, information on general pay administration matters, locality pay area definitions, Internal Revenue Service withholding tables, and other related information. The rates of pay shown in "Salary Tables for 2000" are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice. You may purchase copies of "Salary Tables for 2000" from the Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling (202) 512-1800 or FAX (202) 512-2250. You may order copies directly from GPO on the Internet at http://orders.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/sale/prf/prf.html. In addition, you can find pay tables on OPM's Internet website at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm>.