

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 18, 2000.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or additional information, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, please write to Dr. Jan M. Chaiken, Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington, DC 20531. If you need a copy of the collection instrument with instructions, or have additional information, please contact Tracy L. Snell at 202-616-3288, or via facsimile at 202-514-1757.

Overview of the information collection:

(1) Type of information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) The title of the Form/Collection: Capital Punishment Report of Inmates under Sentence of Death.

(3) The agency form number and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: NPS-8 Report of Inmates Under Sentence of Death; NPS-8A Update Report of Inmates Under Sentence of Death; NPS-8B Status of Death Penalty—No Statute in Force; and NPS-8C Status of Death Penalty—Statute in

Force. Corrections Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State Departments of Corrections and Attorneys General. Others: The Federal Bureau of Prisons. Approximately 104 respondents (two from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates under sentence of death in their jurisdiction and in their custody will be asked to provide information for the following categories: condemned inmates' demographic characteristics, legal status at the time of capital offense, capital offense for which imprisoned, number of death sentences imposed, criminal history information, reason for removal and current status if no longer under sentence of death, method of execution, and cause of death by other than by execution. The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information in published reports and for the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, State officials, international organizations, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(5) An estimate of the total number of responses and the amount of time estimated for an average response: 292 responses at 30 minutes each for the NPS-8; 3,452 responses at 30 minutes each for the NPS-8A; and 52 responses at 15 minutes each for the NPS-8B or NPS-8C.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 1,885 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1220, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, National Place Building, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the following information collections: (1) Application to Employ Special Industrial Homeworkers and Workers with Disabilities (WH-2, WH-226, and WH-226A); and (2) Request for Employment Information (CA-1027). Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before December 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Applications To Employ Special Industrial Homeworkers and Workers With Disabilities (WH-2, WH-226, WH-226A)

##### I. Background

Section 11(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict, or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent evasion of the minimum wage requirements of the Act. The Department of Labor has restricted homework in seven industries to those employees who obtain certificates. Individual certificates may be issued to any industry for an individual homemaker who is unable to leave home because of a disability or must remain home to care for an invalid. Section 14c of the FLSA provides for the employment of workers with disabilities at subminimum wages in order to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities for such individuals.

Employers utilizing the provisions of Section 14c must obtain certificates issued by the Department of Labor. The WH-2 is used by employers to obtain certificates to employ individual homeworkers in one of the restricted homework industries. The WH-226 and supplemental data Form 226A are used by employers to obtain authorization to employ workers with disabilities in certain establishments at subminimum wages.

*II. Review Focus*

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*III. Current Actions*

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to provide employers wishing to employ homeworkers and workers with

disabilities under the provisions of sections 11(d) and 14(c) of the FLSA, with the necessary certificates for such employment.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.  
*Title:* Application for Special Industrial Homeworke's Certificate (WH-2); Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages (WH-226); Supplemental Data Sheet for Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages (WH-226A).  
*OMB Number:* 1215-0005.  
*Agency Numbers:* WH-2, WH-226, WH-226A.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.

Form	Respondents	Responses	Time per response (min)	Burden hours
WH-2 .....	50	50	30	25
WH-226 .....	4,500	4,500	45	3,375
WH-226A .....	4,500	12,000	45	9,000

*Total Respondents:* 4,550.  
*Total Responses:* 16,550.  
*Estimate Total Burden Hours:* 12,400.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$1,638.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Request for Employment Information (CA-1027)**

*I. Background*

Payment of compensation for partial disability to injured Federal workers is required by 5 U.S.C. 8106. That section also requires the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) to obtain information regarding a claimant's earnings during a period of eligibility to compensation. The CA-1027, Request for Employment Information, is the form used to obtain information for an individual who is employed by a private employer. The information is used to determine the claimant's entitlement to compensation benefits.

*II. Review Focus*

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

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*III. Current Actions*

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine a claimant's eligibility for compensation benefits.

*Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.  
*Title:* Request for Earnings Information.  
*OMB Number:* 1215-0105.  
*Agency Numbers:* CA-1027.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Total Respondents:* 500.  
*Total Responses:* 500.  
*Time Per Response:* 15 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 125.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$180.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

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