

Discontinuation of the following reports:

Report Titles: Annual Report of Trust Assets and Annual Report of International Fiduciary Activities.

Form Numbers: FFIEC 001 and FFIEC 006.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

For OTS:

OMB Number: 1550-0026.

Number of Respondents: 101 (FFIEC 001).

Estimated Average Time per Response: 4.08 burden hours (FFIEC 001).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 412 burden hours.

For Board:

OMB Number: 7100-0031.

Number of Respondents: 22 (FFIEC 001), 0 (FFIEC 006).

Estimated Average Time per Response: 3.82 burden hours (FFIEC 001), 4.0 burden hours (FFIEC 006).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 84 burden hours.

General Description of Reports: This information collection (FFIEC 001 and FFIEC 006) is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 1464 (for thrift institutions), and 12 U.S.C. 248(a)(1) and (2) and 1844(c) (for state member banks and bank holding companies). The data on the FFIEC 001 are publicly available with the exception of Schedule E—Fiduciary Income Statement. The FFIEC 006, collected by the Board, is given confidential treatment [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)]. Small businesses (i.e., small banks) are affected.

Abstract: These interagency reports collect information on fiduciary asset totals and activities. They are used to monitor changes in the volume and character of discretionary trust activity and the volume of nondiscretionary trust activity and to determine resource needs for supervisory purposes.

Current Actions: Financial institutions that exercise fiduciary powers and have fiduciary assets or accounts have reported information on their trust activities each December 31 in the Annual Report of Trust Assets (FFIEC 001). Institutions with trust operations in foreign offices also complete the Annual Report of International Fiduciary Activities (FFIEC 006). The agencies will discontinue the FFIEC 001 and the FFIEC 006 trust activities reports.

This discontinuance is prompted by the introduction of Schedule RC-T, "Fiduciary and Related Services," on the quarterly bank Consolidated Reports

of Condition and Income (Call Report) (FFIEC 031 and 041, OMB No. 7100-0036),¹ and Schedule T, "Fiduciary and Related Services" on the quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002, OMB No. 7100-0032).² Schedules RC-T and T take effect as of December 31, 2001. The OTS is adding Schedule FS—Fiduciary and Related Services to the Thrift Financial Report (OMB No. 1550-0023) effective March 31, 2002.

The new trust schedule replaces the Annual Report of Trust Assets (FFIEC 001) in December 2001 for institutions that file Call Reports and the FFIEC 002 and in March 2002 for institutions that file Thrift Financial Reports. For national and state member banks, two items in the new schedule will replace the Annual Report of International Fiduciary Activities (FFIEC 006). However, federally supervised state-chartered nondeposit trust companies that are subsidiaries of holding companies do not file Call Reports or Thrift Financial Reports, but were previously required to complete the FFIEC 001. The agencies have determined that the information of supervisory interest on trust activities that these trust companies have reported on the FFIEC 001 can be monitored by other means.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

a. Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared between the agencies and will be summarized or included in the agencies' requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

¹ Federal Register, March 5, 2001 (66 FR 13369).

² Federal Register, May 4, 2001 (66 FR 22556).

Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: January 18, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations & Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 23, 2002.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0052]

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 from a claimant prior to undergoing a VA examination and to record the findings of the examining physician.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 29, 2002.

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 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0052" 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: Report of Medical Examination for Disability Evaluation, VA Form 21-2545.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0052.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-2545 is used to gather information from a claimant prior to undergoing a VA examination and to record the findings of the examining physician.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180,000.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0161]

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 on the information needed to report medical expenses paid by claimants in connection with claims for pension and other income-based benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 29, 2002.

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 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0161" 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: Medical Expense Report, VA Form 21-8416.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0161.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: A claimant's countable income for Improved Pension purposes can be reduced if the individual pays unreimbursed medical expenses. These expenses may be deducted from otherwise countable income in determining the rate of VA benefits payable. VA Form 21-8416 is used to report unreimbursed medical expenses paid by claimants.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 96,400.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0179]

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 February 27, 2002.

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, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0179."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Change of Permanent Plan (Medical) (Change to a