

W-8IMY, 1042, 1042S, 8233, 8833, and the income tax return of a foreign person filed for purposes of claiming a refund of tax.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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.

Approved: January 24, 2002.

George Freeland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before March 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or

by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to ahunt@omb.eop.gov; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, fax to (202) 906-6518, or e-mail to

infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Sally W. Watts at sally.watts@ots.treas.gov, (202) 906-7380, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.
Title of Proposal: Minority Thrift Certification Form.
OMB Number: 1550-0096.
Form Number: OTS Form 1661.

Description: This information is needed to help OTS remain a reliable source of information regarding the universe of minority-owned thrifts, in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 308 of the Financial Information Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note).

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

32.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: .5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 16 hours.

Clearance Officer: Sally W. Watts, (202) 906-7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 24, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Means Test Thresholds

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for means test income limitations. These adjustments are based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the one-year period ending September 30, 2001.

DATES: These rates are effective January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roscoe Butler, Chief Policy and Operations, Health Administration Service, (10C3), Veterans Health Administration, VA, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8302. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 1 of each year, the Secretary is authorized under Title 38 United States Code, section 1722 to increase the means test income threshold levels by the same percentage the maximum rates of pension benefits were increased under section 5312(a) during the preceding calendar year. The means test income thresholds are used by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to determine whether a veteran must agree to pay a copayment for hospital and outpatient medical care services. Based on a 2.6 percent increase in Pension Benefits effective December 1, 2001, and in accordance with 38 CFR 3.29, the following income limitations for the Means Test Thresholds will be effective January 1, 2002.

Table 1—Means Test Thresholds

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| (1) Veterans with no dependents: | |
| (a) Below Means Test Threshold: | \$24,304 |
| (a) Above Means Test Threshold: | \$24,305 |
| (2) Veterans with 1 dependent: | |
| (a) Below Means Test Threshold: | \$29,168 |
| (a) Above Means Test Threshold: | \$29,169 |
| (3) Veterans with 2 dependents: | |
| (a) Below Means Test Threshold: | \$30,798 |
| (a) Above Means Test Threshold: | \$30,799 |

- (4) Veterans with 3 dependents:
 - (a) Below Means Test Threshold: \$32,428
 - (a) Above Means Test Threshold: \$32,429
- (5) Veterans with 4 dependents:
 - (a) Above Means Test Threshold: \$34,058
 - (a) Below Means Test Threshold: \$34,059
- (6) Veterans with 5 dependents:
 - (a) Above Means Test Threshold: \$35,688
 - (a) Below Means Test Threshold: \$35,689
- (7) Child Income Exclusion is: \$7,450
- (8) The Medicare deductible is \$812
- (9) Maximum annual Rate of Pension effective 12/1/2001 are:
 - (a) The base rate is \$9,556

- (b) The base rate with one dependent is \$12,516
- (c) Add \$1,630 for each additional dependent above 5

Below the Means Test Threshold is defined as those veterans whose attributable income and net worth is such that they are unable to defray the expenses of care and therefore are not subject to copay charges for hospital and outpatient medical services.

Above the Means Test Threshold is defined as those veterans whose

attributable income and net worth is such that they are able to defray the expenses of care and must agree to pay a copayment for hospital care and outpatient medical services.

Dated: January 23, 2002.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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