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Title: Certification of Lessons Completed (Chapters 30, 32, and, 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606, Title 10, U.S.C., and Section 903, Public Law 96-342), VA Forms 22-6553b and 22-6553b-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0353.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: These forms are used to determine the number of lessons completed by the student and serviced by the correspondence school, and if necessary to determine the date of completion or termination of correspondence training. Without this information, VA would be unable to determine the proper payment or the student's training status. These forms are considered to be one and the same.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,780

hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

3,559.

Estimated Annual Responses: 10,617.

Dated: February 14, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0068]

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 to determine a veteran's eligibility for Service Disabled Veterans Insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 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. 2900-0068" 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.

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Title: Application for Service Disabled Insurance, VA Form 29-4364.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0068.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by veterans to apply for Service Disabled Veterans Insurance, to designate a beneficiary and to select an optional settlement. The data collected on the form is used by VA to determine the veteran's eligibility for insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2833.

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