

information, including each proposed reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the proper payee for certain accrued benefits upon the death of a beneficiary.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 6, 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. 2900-0064" 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 (Pub. L. 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: Application for Amounts Due Estates of Person Entitled to Benefits, VA Form 21-609.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0064.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The form is used to gather information to determine the individual(s) who may be entitled to accrued benefits of deceased beneficiaries.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 375 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Dated: February 20, 2002.
 By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0055]

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 to determine the eligibility of a surviving spouse of a veteran for VA home loan benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 6, 2002.

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Title: Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unmarried Surviving Spouses, VA Form 26-1817.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0055.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38, U.S.C. 3701(b)(2) authorizes VA to extend home loan benefits to unmarried surviving spouses of veterans whose death (1) occurred either while serving on active duty or (2) were a direct result of service-connected disabilities. The unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran completes VA Form 26-1817 as a formal request for a certificate of eligibility for home loan benefits. The information is used to determine the applicant's basic eligibility for the benefit.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0009]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.