

identify the requester of the information as the proper party. This information will be validated against identifying information residing in databases outside of SSA. Resultantly, SSA is planning to conduct a series of tests of the Treasury Department's "Pay.Gov" authentication engine as a possible tool for out-of-band authentication.

The Collection Pay.Gov—Phase-2

SSA plans to conduct a limited pilot using its online Direct Deposit application to test the Treasury Department's Pay.Gov authentication engine as a possible tool for the Agency to validate beneficiaries online that do not have a current Pin/Password. The respondents to this test will be SSA Title II recipients who need to be authenticated before access can be granted to SSA's Direct Deposit online service.

Type of Request: New Information Collection

Number of Respondents: 161.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13 hours.
 8. *Statement for Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—Adult, Form SSA-3988-TEST; Statement for Determining Continuing Eligibility for Supplemental Security Income Payments—Child, Form SSA-3989-TEST—0960-0643; 20 CFR Subpart B—416.204.*

Background

The Social Security Act mandates periodic redeterminations of the non-medical factors that relate to the SSI recipients' continuing eligibility for SSI payments. Recent SSA studies have indicated that as many as 2/3 of all scheduled redeterminations completed, with the assistance of a SSA employee, did not result in any change in circumstances that affected payment. Therefore, SSA is planning to expand the respondents and revise the test methodology of the currently approved test forms. The expansion of the test is needed to further validate whether the test redetermination process actually results in significant operational savings

and a decrease in recipient inconvenience, while still timely obtaining the accurate data needed to determine continuing eligibility through the process.

The Collection

A test of forms SSA-3988-TEST and SSA-3989-TEST will be used to determine whether SSI recipients have met and continue to meet all statutory and regulatory non-medical requirements for SSI eligibility, and whether they have been and are still receiving the correct payment amount. The SSA-3988-TEST and SSA-3989-TEST are designed as self-help forms that will be mailed to recipients or to their representative payees for completion and return to SSA. The objectives of the expanded test are to determine the public's ability to understand and accurately complete the test forms. The respondents are recipients of SSI benefits or their representatives.

Type of Request: Revision of Currently Approval OMB Collection.

	Respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (in minutes)	Estimated annual burden
SSA-3988-TEST	46,500	1	20	15,500
SSA-3989-TEST	8,500	1	20	2,833
Total				18,333

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection package(s) that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no charge) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden

estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection should be submitted to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the address or fax number listed below: (SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer 1300 Annex Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

The Internet Social Security Benefits Application (ISBA)—0960-0618. One of the requirements for obtaining Social Security benefits is the filing of an application so that a determination may be made on the applicant's eligibility for monthly benefits. ISBA, which is available at the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Internet site, is one method that an individual can choose to file an applicant for benefits.

Individuals can use ISBA to apply for retirement insurance benefits (RIB), disability insurance benefits (DIB) and spouse's insurance benefits based on age. SSA gathers only information relevant to the individual applicant's circumstances and will use the information collected by ISBA to entitle individuals to RIB, DIB and/or spouses benefits. Below is an estimate of the public reporting burden:

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 169,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 21.4 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,277 hours.

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