

information needed to support a claim for disability benefits based on accidental injury.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 22, 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. 2900-0104" 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 Accidental Injury in Support of Claim for Compensation or Pension, VA Form 21-4176.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0104.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used in support of claims for disability benefits based on disability, which is the result of an accident. The information given by the veteran is used as a source to gather specific data regarding the accident and to afford the veteran an opportunity to provide information from his or her own knowledge regarding the accident.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,200.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,400.

Dated: August 14, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0399]

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 confirm the continued entitlement of a beneficiary under the Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS).

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 22, 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. 2900-0399" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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Title: Student Beneficiary Report—REPS (Restored Entitlement Program For Survivors), VA Form 21-8938.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0399.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-8938 is used to verify that an individual who is receiving REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors) benefits based on schoolchild status is in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits. The form is released each March and sent to all student beneficiaries.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,767.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,300.

Dated: August 14, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0006]

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 September 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise

McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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. 2900-0006."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human

Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0006" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Accrued Amounts of Veteran's Benefits Payable to Surviving Spouse, Child or Dependent Parents, VA Form 21-614.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0006.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA Form 21-614 is used by dependents of deceased veterans for the sole purpose of making a claim for accrued benefits available at the time of the veteran's death.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 6, 2002, at page 39099.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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