

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-0132]****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 specially adapted housing or for a special home adaptation grant.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 31, 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](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0132" 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:** Veteran's Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant, VA Form 26-4555.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0132.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The form is used to gather the necessary information to determine the veteran's eligibility for specially adapted housing or the special home adaptation grant.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 250 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,500.

Dated: October 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-0004]****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 December 2, 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0004."

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. 2900-0004" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable), VA Form 21-534.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0004.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21-534 is used to gather the necessary information to determine the spouse's and/or children's eligibility, dependency and income, as applicable, for death benefit sought.

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 August 23, 2002, at page 54697.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 79,125 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 1 hour and 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 63,300.

Dated: October 22, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900-0016]****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