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In order to provide the necessary security for its electronic commerce system, the USPTO uses PKI technology to protect the integrity and confidentiality of information submitted electronically to the USPTO. PKI employs public and private encryption keys to authenticate the customer's identity and support secure communication between the customer and the USPTO. Customers may submit a request to the USPTO for a digital certificate, which enables the customer to download and use the Entrust cryptographic software to create the encryption keys necessary for electronic identity verification and secure transactions with the USPTO. This digital certificate is required in order to access secure online systems that are provided by the USPTO, such as obtaining patent application information through the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system or filing patent applications and related documents electronically.

This information collection includes the Certificate Action Form (PTO-2042),

which is used by the public to request a digital certificate. This form is available for download from the USPTO Web site. This form may also be used by customers to request the revocation of a digital certificate or key recovery in the event of a lost or corrupted certificate. Requests for a certificate must include a notarized signature in order to verify the identity of the applicant. In addition, a Subscriber Agreement is included with the Certificate Action Form to ensure that customers understand their obligations regarding the use of the digital certificates as well as the Entrust software, which authorized users may download from the USPTO Web site. The Certificate Action Form collects personal information that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 and is covered by a System of Records Notice that was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 65, No. 80) on April 25, 2000.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail or hand delivery to the USPTO.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: 0651-0045.

Form Number(s): PTO-2042.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,000 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to read the instructions and Subscriber Agreement, gather the necessary information, prepare, and submit the Certificate Action Form (PTO-2042).

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 4,000 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$564,000 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys and paraprofessionals, as well as independent inventors. Using the professional rate of \$252 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms and the rate of \$30 per hour for paraprofessionals and independent inventors, the USPTO estimates that the average hourly rate for all respondents for this collection will be \$141 per hour. Therefore, the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$564,000 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Certificate Action Form (including Subscriber Agreement) ....	30 minutes .....	8,000	4,000
Total .....	.....	8,000	4,000

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$2,960. There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs or filing fees associated with this information collection. However, customers may incur postage costs when submitting the Certificate Action Form to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the first-class postage cost for a mailed Certificate Action Form will be 37 cents, for a total non-hour respondent cost burden in the form of postage costs of \$2,960 per year.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed reinstatement of collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information

collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before March 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity, Health Program Analysis and Evaluation, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA, Attn: Ms. Kim Frazier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address. Or call TRICARE Management Activity 703-681-3636.

*Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number:* Armed Forces Health Professions Loan Repayment Program Loan Information Form.

*Needs and Uses:* Form will be used by Loan program participants, to submit to lenders through their Service Representatives, to obtain verification of loan application data.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household, Federal government.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion, only when a beneficiary is insured under circumstances creating possible liability in a third party.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

Title 10, U.S.C., requires applicants to submit this form, to their Service representative, prior to participation in the Health Loan Repayment Program (HPLR). Lenders will verify the data submitted and respond back to the Service Representative. All loans must meet federal standards and be approved by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service prior to disbursement of funds.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 14, 2003.

*Title, Form Number, and OMB Number:* Candidate Procedures; USMA Forms 21-16, 21-23, 21-25, 21-26, 5-520, 5-518, FL 546, FL 481, 5-2, 5-26, 5-515, FL 480-1, FL 520, FL 261, 21-8, 21-14, 5-497; OMB Number 0702-0061.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 92,525.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 92,525.

*Average Burden per Response:* 225 minutes (average).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 11,720.

*Needs and Uses:* Candidates to the United States Military Academy (USMA) provide personal background information, which allows the West Point Admissions Committee to make subjective judgments on non-academic experiences. Data are also used by West Point Office of Institutional Research for correlation with success in graduation and military careers.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher, at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD Health Affairs, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Defense Business Practice Implementation Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Business Practice Implementation Board (DBB) will meet in open session on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC from 0900 until 1000. The mission of the DBB is to advise the Senior Executive Council (SEC) and the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board's Human Resource Task Group will deliberate on its findings and proposed recommendations related to tasks assigned last year. Additional, task groups may deliberate on proposed recommendations.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 29, 2003, 0900 to 1000 hrs.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The DBB may be contacted at: Defense Business Practice Implementation Board, 1100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1100, via E-mail [DBB@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:DBB@osd.pentagon.mil), or via phone at (703) 695-0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact the DBB no later than Wednesday, January 22 for further information about admission as seating is limited.

Additionally, those who wish to make oral comments or deliver written comments should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the comments by Tuesday, January 21 to allow time for distribution to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Individual oral comments will be limited to five minutes, with the total oral comment period not exceeding thirty-minutes.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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