

*Description:* The proposed regulations address the computation of the credit for increasing research activities for members of a controlled group and the allocation of the credit under section 41(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 20 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 200 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1676.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-113572-99 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefits.

*Description:* These regulations provide guidance to employers that provide qualified transportation fringe benefits under section 132(f), including guidance to employers that provide cash reimbursement for qualified transportation fringes and employers that offer qualified transportation fringes in lieu of compensation. Employers that provide cash reimbursement are required to keep records of documentation received from employees who receive reimbursement. Employers that offer qualified transportation fringes in lieu of compensation are required to keep records of employee compensation reduction elections.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individual or households, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 7,530,313.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 8 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 12,968,728 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1678.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-161424-01 Final and REG-105316-98 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* REG-161424-01 Final: Information Reporting for Qualified Tuition and Related Expenses; Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns, and REG-105316-98 Final: Information Reporting for Payments of Interest on Qualified Education Loans; Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns.

*Description:* These regulations related to the information reporting

requirements in section 6050S of the Internal Revenue Code of the Internal Revenue code for payments of qualified tuition and related expenses and interest on qualified education loans. These regulations provide guidance to eligible education institutions, insurers, and payees required to file information returns and to furnish information statements under section 6050S.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit, business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1 hour.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622-3428.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 21, 2003.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed.

Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11100, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 5, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

*OMB Number:* 1512-0096.

*Form Number:* ATF 5130.12 (1689).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Beer for Exportation.

*Description:* Untaxpaid beer may be removed from a brewery for exportation without payment of the excise tax normally due on removal. In order to ensure that exportation took place as

claimed and that untaxpaid beer does not reach domestic market, ATF requires certification on Form 5130.12.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 392.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour, 39 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 38,808 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0298.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number:* ATF REC 5120/1.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Usual and Customary Business Records Relating to Wine.

*Description:* ATF routinely inspects wineries' usual and customary business records to insure the proper payment of wine excise taxes due to the Federal government.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,131.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 313 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0536.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Notification of Fire Marshal and Chief, Law Enforcement Officer of Storage of Explosive Materials.

*Description:* Title 18 U.S.C., Chapter 40, gives the Secretary of Treasury authority to issue regulations intended to help prevent accidents involving explosives. The collection of information contained herein is necessary for the safety of emergency response personnel responding to fires at sites where explosives are stored.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, farms, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,057.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 90 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Semi-annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 60,342 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0537.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5154.3.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Bond for Drawback Under 26 U.S.C. 5131.

*Description:* Business that use taxpaid alcohol to manufacture nonbeverage products may file a claim for drawback (refund or remittance). Claims may be filed monthly or quarterly. Monthly claimants must file a bond on ATF

5154.3 to protect the Government's interest.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 12 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 12 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Jacqueline White (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr. (202) 396-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Mary A. Able,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0205]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health 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 Health Administration (VHA), 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 March 5, 2003.

**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. 2900-0205."

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. 2900-0205" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Titles:**

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0205.

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

*Abstract:* VA Forms 10-2850 and 10-2850a through c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate's qualifications for employment with VA. VHA officials use the information to evaluate education, professional experience and credentials and to determine suitability and grade level of applications of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, nurses and nurse anesthetists, residents, and associated health occupations, and appraisal of applicants. The forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registrations, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings. Form Letter 10-341a is a pre employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 applicant.

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 October 15, 2002, at pages 63733-63734.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 75,471 hours.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—7,095 hours.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—28,380 hours.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—15,136 hours.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—9,460 hours.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—15,400 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 27 minutes.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—30 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—30 minutes.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—30 minutes.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—30 minutes.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On Occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 166,342.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—14,190.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—56,760.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—30,272.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—18,920.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—46,200.

Dated: January 14, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise A. Russell,**

*Acting Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Headstone or Marker Allowance Rate

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in certain benefit rates and income limitations. These COLAs affect the pension, parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), and spina bifida, and birth defects programs. These adjustments are based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the one-year period ending September 30, 2002. VA is also giving notice of the maximum amount of reimbursement that may be paid for headstones or markers purchased in lieu of