

*Title:* Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File Corporation Income Tax Return.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0233.

*Form Number:* 7004.

*Abstract:* Form 7004 is used by corporations and certain nonprofit institutions to request an automatic 6-month extension of time to file their income tax returns. The information is needed by IRS to determine whether Form 7004 was timely filed so as not to impose a late filing penalty in error and also to insure that the proper amount of tax was computed and deposited.

*Current Actions:* There are three code reference additions, and one reference deletion for Form 7004.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,097,748.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 hr., 13 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 11,048,280.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 24, 2003.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8281

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8281, Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, (202) 622-6665, or through the internet (*Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov*), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Information Return for Publicly Offered Original Issue Discount Instruments.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0887.

*Form Number:* 8281.

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code section 1275(c)(2) requires the furnishing of certain information to the IRS by issuers of publicly offered debt instruments having original issue discount. Regulations section 1.1275-3 prescribes that Form 8281 shall be used for this purpose. The information on Form 8281 is used to update Publication 1212, List of Original Issue Discount Instruments.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 6 hr., 7 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,060.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 25, 2003.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Area 7 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the State of California)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 7 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted in Fresno, California.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Friday, March 7, 2003, and Saturday, March 8, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary O'Brien at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 7 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Friday, March 7, 2003, from 1 p.m. p.s.t. to 4:30 p.m. p.s.t. at the Courtyard By Marriott located at 1551 N Peach Ave, Fresno, California and Saturday, March 8, 2003, from 11 a.m. p.s.t. to 2 p.m. p.s.t. at the Mosqueda Community Center located at 4670 E. Butler, Fresno, California. The public is invited to make oral comments on Saturday March 8, 2003. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Mary O'Brien, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited space, notification of intent to participate must be made with Mary O'Brien. Ms O'Brien can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

**Deryle J. Temple,**

*Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration Education Conference Room 601V, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to review the requirements of organizations or entities offering

licensing and certification tests to individuals for which payment for such tests may be made under chapters 30, 32, 34, or 35 of Title 38, U.S.C.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview by Ms. Sandra Winborne, Committee Chair. During the morning session, the Committee will hear reports on VA outreach activities and progress on implementing an improved Licensing and Certification Approval System (LACAS). The afternoon session will include discussion on any old or new business.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Giles Larrabee or Mr. Michael Yunker at (202) 273-7187. Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written form, may be filed before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting. Oral statements will be heard at 2 p.m.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary

**E. Philip Riggan,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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