

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0017."

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. 2900-0017" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*Titles:*

- a. Court Appointed Fiduciary's Account (Letter Size), VA Form 21-4706.
- b. Federal Fiduciary for Amounts, VA Form 21-4706b.
- c. Court Appointed Fiduciary's Account, VA Form 21-4706c.
- d. Account Book, VA Form 21-4718.
- e. Certificate of Balance on Deposit and Authorization to Disclose Financial Records (Pursuant to title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 55 and Title 12, U.S.C., Chapter 35), VA Form 27-4718a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0017.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Forms 21-4706-4706b and 4706c are used by estate to determine proper usage of benefits paid to fiduciaries. The 21-4706 and 21-4706b are both necessary to conform to requirement of various state courts.

b. VA Form 21-4718 is provided to VA fiduciaries to submit accountings to either State courts or the VA. It is not a reporting form per se, but a vehicle to assist the fiduciary in accurately maintaining records of monies received and spent.

c. VA Form 21-4718a—Fiduciaries are required to obtain certifications that the balances remaining on deposit in financial institutions as shown on accountings are correct. The form is completed by a certifying official at a financial institution who must affix the institution's official seal or stamp. Analysts review the information provided on the form when they auditing accounting to determine the veracity of the information supplied by fiduciaries accounting. The analysts compare the financial institution's information on the form against the fiduciary's accounting. The purpose is to prevent fiduciaries from supplying false certification, embezzling funds, and possibly prevent and/or identify fraud, waste and abuse of government funds paid to fiduciaries on behalf of VA beneficiaries.

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 14, 2003, at page 48665.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden

- a. VA Form 21-4706—500 hours.
- b. VA Form 21-4706b—4,500 hours.
- c. VA Form 21-4706c—1,500 hours.
- d. VA Form 21-4718—12,500 hours.
- e. VA Form 21-4718a—1,250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent

- a. VA Form 21-4706—30 minutes.
- b. VA Form 21-4706b—27 minutes.
- c. VA Form 21-4706c—30 minutes.
- d. VA Form 21-4718—2½ hour.
- e. VA Form 21-4718a—3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents

- a. VA Form 21-4706—1,000.
- b. VA Form 21-4706b—10,000.
- c. VA Form 21-4706c—3,000.
- d. VA Form 21-4718—5,000.
- e. VA Form 21-4718a—25,000.

Dated: October 24, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0091]

**Proposed Information Collection
Activity: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 revision 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 determine a veteran's eligibility for health care benefits or enrollment in the VA health care system.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0091" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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) way 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.

Titles:

a. Application for Health Benefits, VA Form 10-10EZ.

b. Health Benefits Renewal Form, VA Form 10-10EZR

OMB Control Number: 2900-0091.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-10EZ is used by veterans to enroll for health care benefits.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR is used by veterans to update their application data.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 925,000 hours.

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—525,000 hours.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—400,000.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—45 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

1,900,000

a. VA Form 10-10EZ—700,000.

b. VA Form 10-10EZR—1,200,000.

Dated: October 23, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0092]

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 information needed to determine veteran claimants' entitlement to vocational rehabilitation services.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

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 e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0092" 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. 3501-21), 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: Counseling Record—Personal Information, VA Form 28-1902.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0092.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA counselors (either a counseling psychologist or vocational rehabilitation counselor) use the information provided on VA Form 28-1902 to evaluate veteran claimants and assist eligible veterans to plan a suitable program of vocational rehabilitation. If needed, VA must develop a program of assistance and services to improve the veteran's potential to participate in vocational rehabilitation and provide counseling services to help a veteran or other beneficiary eligible under another educational benefit chapter to select an

educational, training, or employment objective.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0567]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 request additional certificates, replacements or corrections to a President Memorial Certificate (PMC).

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (402B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0567" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mechelle Powell at (202) 501-1960 or FAX (202) 273-6695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C.,