

Information collection requirement	Annual responses	Estimated average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
29 CFR 1904.39—Report fatalities/catastrophes .....	2,000	0.250	500
Learning Basics of Recordkeeping System—turnover of personnel .....	296,800	1.000	296,800
29 CFR 1904.38—Request for variance .....	0	0.000	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8,797,560</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>3,306,650</b>

\* Estimate based on 35% of cases recorded on OSHA Form 300.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The OSHA Act and 29 CFR part 1904 require certain employers to maintain records of job related injuries and illnesses. The injury and illness records are intended to have multiple purposes. One purpose is to provide data needed by OSHA to carry out enforcement and intervention activities to provide workers a safe and healthy work environment. The data are also needed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to report on the number and rate of occupational injuries and illnesses in the country.

The data also provides information to employers and employees of the kinds of injuries and illnesses occurring in the workplace and their related hazards. Increased employer awareness should result in the identification and voluntary correction of hazardous workplace conditions. Likewise, employees who are provided information on injuries and illnesses will be more likely to follow safe work practices and report workplace hazards. This would generally raise the overall level of safety and health in the workplace.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

October 26, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting

documentation, may be obtained by contacting Darrin King on (202) 693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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

*Title:* Calculation and Disclosure of Documentation of Eligibility for Exemption.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0106.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping and Third party disclosure.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 200.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 3 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 10 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$100.

*Description:* Under 29 CFR 2590.712(f)(2), a group health plan wishing to elect the one percent exemption must calculate their increased costs according to certain rules, maintain group health plan claims and administrative expense records in such a way that they can be used to demonstrate the applicability of the one percent cost increase exemption as defined in the interim final rules, and that a summary of that information can be provided at the request of participants and beneficiaries, or their representative at no charge.

Group health plans use this information to obtain the benefits of the exemption from the requirement that they provide for parity between mental health benefits and medical/surgical benefits. Participants and beneficiaries use the information to be informed of the benefits available to them under their group health plans, and to verify or dispute the applicability of the exemption which may serve to limit benefits which would otherwise be available to them.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

October 26, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation have submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL) or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). To obtain documentation from DOL, contact Darrin King at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation from PBGC, contact Harold J. Ashner on 202-326-4024 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [ashner.harold@pbgc.gov](mailto:ashner.harold@pbgc.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) and Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free

number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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

*Title:* Annual Information Return/Report.

*Form Number:* Form 5500 and Schedules.

*Frequency:* On occasion and Annually.

*Type of Response:* Reporting; Recordkeeping; and Third-party disclosure.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households; and Farms.

*Paperwork Reduction Act Burden Breakout by Agency:*

Agency	EBSA	PBGC
OMB Number .....	1210-0110	1212-0057
Number of Respondents .....	837,755	28,900
Number of Annual Responses .....	837,755	28,900
Total Burden Hours .....	1,948,529	2,373
Total Annualized capital/startup costs .....	\$0	\$0
Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services) .....	\$663,870,000	\$1,737,078

*Average response time:* Varies considerably by plan size. Large plans may spend considerably more time reporting than small plans.

*Description:* Under Titles I and IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), pension and other employee benefit plans are generally required to file annual returns/reports concerning, among other things, the financial condition and operations of the plan. These annual reporting requirements can be satisfied by filing the Form 5500 in accordance with its instructions and related regulations. The Form 5500 is the primary source of information concerning the operation, funding, assets and investments of pension and other employee benefit plans. In addition to being an important disclosure document for plan participants and beneficiaries, the Form 5500 is a compliance and research tool for EBSA, PBGC, and the IRS, and a source of information for other federal agencies, Congress, and the private sector for use in assessing employee

benefit, tax, and economic trends and policies.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Veterans' Employment and Training Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Request for Comments: VETS 300, SF 269A, and Manager's Report**

**AGENCY:** Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on the proposed continued collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. The Paperwork Reduction Act helps to ensure that requested data can be

provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, VETS is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Manager's Report and replacement of the VETS-300, Quarterly Financial Status Reports with the OMB approved Standard Form (SF) 269A Reports for cost information collection.

**DATES:** Comments are to be submitted by January 3, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to Paul Robertson, Regulatory Specialist, Office of Agency Management and Budget, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1312, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210. Electronic mail (e-mail) is the preferred method for submitting comments. Comments must be clearly identified as pertaining to this **Federal Register** Notice. E-mail may be sent to [robertson.paul@dol.gov](mailto:robertson.paul@dol.gov). Written comments are limited to 10 pages or fewer and may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-4755 (this is not a toll free number). Receipt of submissions, whether by U.S. mail, e-mail or FAX transmittal, will not be