

Agency form number: SF 180.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Veterans, their authorized representatives, State and local governments, and businesses.

Estimated number of respondents: 889,065.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to request information from a military personnel record).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 74,089 hours.

Abstract: The authority for this information collection is contained in 36 CFR 1228.168(b). In accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers military service records of veterans after discharge, retirement, and death. When veterans and other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents in military service records, they must provide in forms or in letters certain information about the veteran and the nature of the request. Federal agencies, military departments, veterans, veterans' organizations, and the general public use Standard Forms (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, in order to obtain information from military service records stored at NPRC. Veterans and next-of-kin of deceased veterans can also use eVetRecs (http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/) to order copies.

Dated: July 28, 2005.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Cancellation of panel meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Humanities Panel at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McDonald at (202) 606-8322.

Cancellation

Date: August 26, 2005.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for EDISTEment in Peer Review, submitted to the Division of Education at the July 30, 2005, deadline.

Dated: July 28, 2005.

Michael McDonald,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for the Elimination of OPM Optional Form 510, Applying for a Federal Job; the Revision of OPM Optional Form 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; the Resume Builder in the USAJOBS Web Site; and the USAJOBS Web Site

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for the elimination of the optional form (OF) called Applying for a Federal Job (OF 510), the revision of the optional form called Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF 612), the specifications of the improved resume builder in the USAJOBS Web site (<http://www.USAJOBS.gov>), and screen shots of the web pages within the USAJOBS Web site.

OPM proposes eliminating the OF 510. The OF 510 is a brochure that has been used to provide guidance to the general public on how to apply for Federal jobs and how to construct a Federal resume (i.e., what necessary work, education, and other information applicants should include in their resumes or other applications). However, the same instructions contained in the OF 510 have been incorporated into the revised OF 612 and the USAJOBS resume builder. The instructions are also available through numerous other sources, including the USAJOBS Web site, that were not available at the time this brochure was

originally created. This proposed action will eliminate the need to print, maintain, and distribute an instructional guide in hard copy format now that the information can be readily updated and delivered by leveraging current web and other automated technology.

The OF 612 is a form used to collect applicant qualifications information associated with vacancy announcements. The form provides necessary guidance to applicants so that they can be considered for employment when applying for Federal jobs. Presently the OF 612 is downloadable from OPM's electronic forms page on the USAJOBS Web site (<http://www.opm.gov/forms>) in fillable pdf format. The data collected are necessary for Federal agencies to evaluate applicants for Federal jobs under the authority of sections 1104, 1302, 3301, 3304, 3320, 3361, 3393, and 3394 of title 5, United States Code.

OPM has reconstructed the resume builder in the USAJOBS Web site to be in line with the data elements collected in the revised OF 612. The resume builder contains the critical elements applied across the Federal government to assess an applicant's qualifications as required under the aforementioned sections of 5 United States Code.

The OF 612 and the resume builder in the USAJOBS Web site contain questions regarding the applicant's education history, including dates of attendance, name, type and place of institution, and degrees earned. Due to the increasing number of claimed degrees earned from non-accredited or bogus institutions, commonly referred to as "diploma mills," the revised OF 612 and the USAJOBS resume ask applicants to list only degrees from schools that were accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or other education that meets the provisions of OPM's Operating Manual at www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-II/s2-e4.htm. The revised OF 612 and resume builder also advise applicants not to list education from degrees based solely on life experiences, or obtained from schools with little or no academic standards.

The USAJOBS Web site is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information. USAJOBS is operated by OPM and provides job vacancy information, employment fact sheets, job applications/forms, and on-line resume development. Job seekers may create a "My USAJOBS" account where they can create up to five resumes. These resumes are stored in one

location where they can be updated, saved, or sent at any time.

The public reporting burden for the collection of the data will vary from 20 to 240 minutes, with an average of 90 minutes for both, the OF 612 and the online resume builder. This time estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the information.

OF 612—burden hours calculation:
Estimated number of respondents: 245,000.

Average time to complete the OF 612: 90 min. (1.5 hours). $245,000 \times 1.5 = 367,500$ burden hours.

Federal Resume—burden hours calculation:

Estimated number of respondents: 3,510,600.

Average time to complete the on-line resume builder: 90 min. (1.5 hours). $3,510,600 \times 1.5 = 5,265,900$ burden hours.

The dramatic upsurge in responses is due to expansion and acceptance of resumes in the Federal application process and the advancement of technology to provide for online application, as well as increased interest by job seekers in Federal employment as evidenced by an eightfold growth in visits to the USAJOBS Federal employment information system in FY 2004 over FY 2003. The increase in time is based on new requirements that job applicants provide accreditation information for institutions of higher education from which they have received a degree. As job applicants will need to verify their education against this new requirement, the OF-612 or Federal resume will take longer to complete than it has in the past.

As a result of the 60-day notice, OPM received one comment expressing concern about the additional burden for applicants. The reason for this extra burden was the requirement that applicants provide accreditation information for institutions of higher education from which they have received degrees. OPM has determined that this was a valid concern. Therefore, the OF 612 and the resume builder will contain specific instructions to the applicant to list only degrees from facilities that have been duly accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or other education that meets the

provisions of OPM's Operating Manual at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-II/s2-e4.htm>, and not from non-accredited or bogus institutions.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey by phone at (202) 606-8358, by FAX at (202) 418-3251, or via e-mail at MaryBeth.Smith-Toomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

U.S. Office of Personnel Management, USAJOBS, ATTN: Mariana Pardo, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2469, Washington, DC 20415

and Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,
Director.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

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

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of information collection: Continuing Disability Report; OMB 3220-0187.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the annuitant works for a railroad or earns more than prescribed dollar amounts from either non-railroad employment or self-employment. Certain types of work may indicate an annuitant's recovery from disability. The provisions relating to the reduction or non-payment of annuities by reasons of work and an annuitant's recovery from disability for work are prescribed in 20 CFR 220.17-220.20. The RRB conducts continuing disability reviews (CDR) to determine whether annuitants continue to meet the disability requirements of the law. Provisions relating to when and how often the RRB conducts CDR's are prescribed in 20 CFR 220.186.

Form G-254, Continuing Disability Report, is used by the RRB to develop information for CDR determinations, including determinations prompted by a report of work, return to railroad service, allegations of medical improvement, or routine disability call-up. The RRB provides significant non-burden impacting editorial and formatting changes. The editorial changes are proposed largely to provide better instructions and to clarify information currently requested.

Form G-254a, Continuing Disability Update Report, is used to help identify disability annuitants whose work activity and/or recent medical history warrants a more extensive review and thus completion of Form G-254. The RRB proposes non-burden impacting changes to Form G-254a to delete items no longer necessary and to add the Paperwork Reduction Act/Privacy notice that had previously been part of an accompanying transmittal letter.

One response is requested of each respondent to Form G-254 and G-254a. Completion is required to retain a benefit.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

| Form | Annual responses | Time (min) | Burden (hrs) |
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| G-254 | 1,500 | 5-35 | 623 |
| G-254a | 1,500 | 5 | 125 |