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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22417]

#### Notice of Intent To Survey Medical Examiners Who Certify the Physical Qualifications of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of FMCSA to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an information collection associated with the agency's medical examiner Role Delineation Study. This information collection would gather data on the role of medical examiners and provide medical examiners (medical doctors (MDs), doctors of osteopathy (DOs), doctors of chiropractic (DCs), physician assistants (PAs) and advance practice nurses (APNs)) who perform FMCSA physical examinations of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers a means of participating in an assessment of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to effectively determine if a CMV driver's health meets Federal physical qualifications standards. The data obtained from the Role Delineation Study and other sources would be used to support the development of the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME) program.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2005-22417 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management System (DMS) Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number of the notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, at 65 FR 19477 or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information, contact Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, Physical Qualifications Division, 202-366-4001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Notice of Intent to Survey Medical Examiners Who Certify the Physical Qualifications of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers.

#### Background

Section 4116 of The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Public Law 109-59) requires the Secretary of Transportation "to establish and maintain a current national registry of medical examiners who are qualified to perform examinations and issue medical certificates." To implement this

requirement, FMCSA is developing the National Registry program that was announced at a June 22, 2005, Public Meeting in Arlington, Virginia (70 FR 28596; May 18, 2005). The NRCME will be comprised, in part, of a training and testing program that will include a database of medical examiners who conduct medical examinations of interstate CMV drivers and effectively determine their physical qualifications to operate such vehicles in interstate commerce as defined in 49 CFR 391.41.

Once the program is implemented, FMCSA would only accept medical examinations conducted by NRCME medical examiners. The NRCME program would require training using a standardized curriculum, a certification examination, and procedures to maintain the quality of the program in accordance with national accreditation standards. The Role Delineation Study is a critical component of developing a standardized training curriculum and a valid, reliable and fair certification examination. The goal of the Role Delineation Study is to inform the policies that guide the NRCME program in accordance with national accreditation standards. The study is an assessment of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for a medical examiner to perform competently. The Role Delineation Study incorporates the following components: (1) Develop a task list through a variety of techniques; (2) measure agreement on each task in the list by a representative sample of medical examiners; (3) disqualify tasks lacking sufficient agreement; (4) identify critical tasks; and (5) create specifications for an examination. The information derived from the Role Delineation Study is necessary to form the basis of a professionally and legally sound quality management system that supports a national accreditation of the certification program. A survey of medical examiners is one of the techniques for gathering data from FMCSA medical examiners for the Role Delineation Study.

*Respondents:* Medical examiners (MDs, DOs, DCs, PAs, and APNs) who are currently performing FMCSA physical examinations of CMV drivers.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* The estimated average burden per response for each survey is 30 to 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The estimated total annual burden is 500 to 1000 hours for the information collection based on the following requirement for statistical significance: 200 responses for each of the five medical examiner professional categories; [1000 respondents per survey

× 30/60 minutes per respondent = 500 to 1000 hours].

*Frequency:* Data collection in support of program content validation is typically done every few years because practice standards change and evolve.

#### Public Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of FMCSA and specifically the conduct of the Role Delineation Study; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance for this information collection.

Issued on: September 22, 2005.

**Rose A. McMurray,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0635]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521) 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-6950 or e-mail:

*denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov.* Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0635."

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. 2900-0635" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Suspension of Monthly Check, VA Form 29-0759.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0635.

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

*Abstract:* When a beneficiary's monthly insurance check is not cashed within one year from the issued date, the Department of Treasury returns the funds to VA. VA Form 29-0759 is used to advise the beneficiary that his or her monthly insurance checks have been suspended and to request the beneficiary to provide a current address or if desired a banking institution for direct deposit for monthly checks.

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 June 22, 2005 at pages 36234-36235.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 200 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200.

Dated: September 22, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[[OMB Control No. 2900-0381]

### 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 for information needed to determine the holder's election to convey and transfer foreclosed property to VA.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: *irmnkess@vba.va.gov.* Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0381" 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. 3501-3521), 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:* Notice for Election to Convey and/or Invoice for Transfer of Property, VA Form 26-8903.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0381.

*Type of Review:* VA Form 26-8903 serves four purposes: holder's election to convey, invoice for the purchase