

| Application scenario | Number of annual respondents | Completion time (in minutes) | Burden hours |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Respondents who do not have to provide parents' SSNs | 13,000,000 | 8½ | 1,841,667 |
| Respondents who are asked to provide parents' SSNs (for application for original SSN cards for children under age 18) | 540,000 | 9 | 81,000 |
| Applicants age 12 or older who need to answer additional questions so SSA can determine whether an SSN was previously assigned | 40,000 | 9½ | 6,333 |
| Applicants asking for a replacement SSN card beyond the new allowable limits (i.e., who must provide additional documentation to accompany the application) | 4,000 | 60 | 4,000 |
| Totals | 13,584,000 | | 1,933,000 |

Dated: December 30, 2005.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Rate for Assessment on Direct Payment of Fees to Representatives in 2006

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration is announcing that the assessment percentage rate under section 206(d) and 1631(d)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. 406(d), and 1383(d)(2)(C) is 6.3 percent for 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 406 of Public Law No. 106-170, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, established an assessment for the services required to determine and certify payments to attorneys from the benefits due claimants under Title II of the Act. This provision is codified in section 206 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 406). That legislation set the assessment for the calendar year 2000 at 6.3 percent of the amount that would be required to be certified for direct payment to the attorney under section 206(a)(4) or 206(b)(1) before the application of the assessment. For subsequent years, the legislation requires the Commissioner of Social Security to determine the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs of determining and certifying fees to attorneys, but not in excess of 6.3 percent.

Beginning in 2005, sections 302 and 303 of Public Law 108-203, the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (SSPA) extended the direct payment of fees to attorneys in cases under Title XVI of the Act and to eligible non-attorney representatives in cases under Title II and/or Title XVI of the Act. Fees directly paid under these provisions are subject to the same assessment. In addition, sections 301 and 302 of the SSPA imposed a dollar cap on the amount of the assessment, so that the assessment may not exceed the lesser of that dollar cap or the amount determined using the assessment percentage rate.

The Commissioner of Social Security has determined, based on the best available data that the current assessment percentage rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2006. We will continue to review our costs on a yearly basis.

Dated: December 23, 2005.

Dale W. Sopper,

Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-95-950]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Previously Approved Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and

burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 19, 2005 [FR Vol. 70, No. 201, page 60869]. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 6, 2006 and sent to the attention of the DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schmidt, (202) 366-5420, Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Passenger Manifest Information.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0534.

Affected Public: All U.S. air carriers and foreign air carriers operating international flights to and from the United States, travel agents doing business in the U.S. and the traveling public.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 833,464. In the 60-day notice mentioned above, the annual burden hours were shown as 1.05 million. Since the time of that notice, the methodology used to calculate the burden hours was updated to reflect international travel growth as well as improved efficiencies resulting from technological changes especially from an increased use of the Internet.

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