

ACT. Nominations should also specify the vacancy for which they wish to be considered. The Secretary seeks a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons experienced in employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and Federal, State, local or Indian tribal governments.

Nominees must go through a clearance process before selection. In accordance with Department of the Treasury Directive 21-03, the clearance process includes, among other things, pre-appointment and annual tax checks, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check and security clearance.

Dated: October 26, 2006.

Steven J. Pyrek,

Designated Federal Official, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 11 a.m., central time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 11 a.m., central time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing the comments to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, PO Box 3205, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. This meeting is not required to be open to the public, but

because we are always interested in community input we will accept public comments. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: October 23, 2006.

Bernard Coston,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0001]

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 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 a veteran's eligibility, dependency, and income, as applicable, for compensation and/or pension benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0001" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

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: Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension, VA Form 21-526.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0001.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans complete VA Form 21-526 to apply for compensation and/or pension benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 592,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 395,000.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0569]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 requirements relating to customer satisfaction surveys.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>: or to Nancy Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0569" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management

System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy 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: VA Voluntary Customer Surveys to Implement E.O. 12862.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0569.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VBA administers integrated programs of benefits and services, established by law for veterans and their survivors, and service personnel. Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, requires Federal agencies and departments to identify and survey its customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing service. Customer satisfaction surveys are used to gauge customer perceptions of VA services as well as customer expectations and desires.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and businesses or other for-profits.

LISTING OF SURVEY ACTIVITIES

Year	Number of respondents	Estimated annual burden	Frequency of response
Survey of Veterans' Satisfaction with the VA Compensation and Pension Claims Process—20 minutes			
2007	24,000	8,000 hours	One-time.
2008	24,000	8,000 hours	One-time.
2009	24,000	8,000 hours	One-time.
Survey of Veterans'/Dependents' and Servicemembers' Satisfaction with the VA Education Claims Process—20 minutes			
2007	2,968	989 hours	One-time.
2008	2,968	989 hours	One-time.
2009	2,968	989 hours	One-time.
Survey of Educational Institution Certifying Officials—20 minutes			
2007	1,000	333 hours	One-time.
2008	1,000	333 hours	One-time.
2009	1,000	333 hours	One-time.
Survey of Veterans' Satisfaction with the VA Home Loan Guaranty Process—10 minutes			
2007	7,560	1,260 hours	One-time.
2008	7,560	1,260 hours	One-time.
2009	7,560	1,260 hours	One-time.
VA Loan Guaranty Lender Satisfaction Survey—20 minutes			
2007	1,992	498 hours	One-time.
2008	1,992	498 hours	One-time.
2009	1,992	498 hours	One-time.

LISTING OF SURVEY ACTIVITIES—Continued

Year	Number of respondents	Estimated annual burden	Frequency of response
VA Survey of Veterans' Satisfaction with the Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program—20 minutes			
2007	3,300	1,100 hours	One-time.
2008	3,300	1,100 hours	One-time.
2009	3,300	1,100 hours	One-time.
Insurance Customer Surveys—6 minutes			
2007	2,800	280 hours	One-time.
2008	2,800	280 hours	One-time.
2009	2,800	280 hours	One-time.
Outreach Surveys—15 minutes			
2007	4,500	1,125	One-time.
2008	4,500	1,125	One-time.
2009	4,500	1,125	One-time.
Undetermined Focus Groups (Targeted population groups are to be decided)—2 hours			
2007	380	760 hours	One-time.
2008	380	760 hours	One-time.
2009	380	760 hours	One-time.
Telephone Survey—7 minutes			
2007	6,400	747 hours	One-time.
2008	6,400	747 hours	One-time.
2009	6,400	747 hours	One-time.
VA Regional Office-Based Survey Activities Customer Satisfaction Focus Groups—3 hours			
2007	360	1,080 hours	One-time.
2008	360	1,080 hours	One-time.
2009	360	1,080 hours	One-time.
VA Regional Office-Specific Service Improvement Initiatives (Comment Card)—5 minutes			
2007	40,000	3,333 hours	One-time.
2008	40,000	3,333 hours	One-time.
2009	40,000	3,333 hours	One-time.

Most customer satisfaction surveys will be recurring so that VBA can create ongoing measures of performance and to determine how well the agency meets customer service standards. Each collection of information will consist of the minimum amount of information necessary to determine customer needs and to evaluate VBA's performance.

Anyone may view the results of previously administered surveys on the internet by going to the following VBA

surveys Web site: <http://www.vba.va.gov/surveys/>.

The areas of concern to VBA and its customers may change over time, and it is important to have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly. OMB will be requested to grant generic clearance approval for a 3-year period to conduct customer satisfaction surveys, focus groups and to send out comment cards. Participation in the surveys, focus groups, and comment cards will be

voluntary and the generic clearance will not be used to collect information required to obtain or maintain eligibility for a VA program or benefit. In order to maximize the voluntary response rates, the information collection will be designed to make participation convenient, simple, and free of unnecessary barriers. Baseline data obtained through these information collections will be used to improve customer service standards. VBA will

consult with OMB regarding each specific information collection during this approval period.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0465]

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 for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine an individual's continued entitlement to VA benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

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: Student Verification of Enrollment, VA Form 22-8979.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0465.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-8979 contains a student's certification of actual attendance and verification of the student's continued enrollment in courses leading to a standard college degree or in non-college degree programs. VA uses the data collected to determine the student's continued entitlement to benefits. Students are required to submit verification on a monthly basis to allow for a frequent, periodic release of payment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45,475 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1.3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 429,488.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,114,651.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Initiative Coordination 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 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 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (41D1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: mechelle.powell@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0567" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mechelle Powell at (202) 501-1960 or FAX (202) 501-2240.

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