

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice: 6004]****30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data, OMB Control Number 1405-0102**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Refugee Biographic Data.
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0102.
- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- Originating Office: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, PRM/A.
- Form Number: N/A.
- Respondents: Refugee applicants for the U.S. Resettlement Program.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 70,000.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 70,000.
- Average Hours Per Response: One-half hour.
- Total Estimated Burden: 35,000 hours.
- Frequency: Once per respondent.
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from December 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- E-mail: [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Jessica Firestein, PRM/ Admissions, 2401 E Street, NW., Suite L505, SA-1 Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at 202-663-1045.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

The Refugee Biographic Data Sheet describes a refugee applicant's personal characteristics and is needed to match the refugee with a sponsoring voluntary agency to ensure initial reception and placement in the U.S. under the United States Refugee Program administered by the Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

**Methodology**

Biographic information is collected in a face-to-face interview of the applicant overseas. An employee of an Overseas Processing Entity, under contract with PRM, collects the information and enters it into the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice: PN-6003]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-3035, J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application, OMB Control Number 1405-0135**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application.
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0135.

- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
  - Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).
  - Form Number: DS-3035.
  - Respondents: J Visa holders applying for a waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement.
  - Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.
  - Estimated Number of Responses: 10,000.
  - Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.
  - Total Estimated Burden: 10,000 hours.
  - Frequency: On occasion.
  - Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:**

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [VisaRegs@state.gov](mailto:VisaRegs@state.gov) (Subject line must read DS-3035 Reauthorization).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-3035 J Visa Waiver Recommendation Application, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.
- Fax: (202) 663-3898.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.