

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900–New (26–8261a)]****Proposed Information Collection
(Request for Certificate of Veteran
Status) Activity: 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
new collection, and allow 60 days for
public comment in response to the
notice. This notice solicits comments for
information needed to determine an
applicant's eligibility for a reduced
down payment when obtaining a loan
insured by the Federal Housing
Administration (FHA).**DATES:** Written comments and
recommendations on the proposed
collection of information should bereceived on or before November 16,
2009.**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments
on the collection of information through
the Federal Docket Management System
(FDMS) at <http://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 to
nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to
“OMB Control No. 2900–New (26–
8261a)” in any correspondence. During
the comment period, comments may be
viewed online through FDMS.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461–9769 or
FAX (202) 275–5947.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the
PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C.
3501–21), 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:* Request for Certificate of
Veteran Status, VA Form 26–8261a.*OMB Control Number:* 2900–New
(26–8261a).*Type of Review:* New collection.*Abstract:* The data collected on VA
Form 26–8261a will be used to
determine Veteran applicants' eligibility
to receive a reduced down payment on
a FHA backed loan.*Affected Public:* Individuals or
households.*Estimated Annual Burden:* 17 hours.*Estimated Average Burden Per
Respondent:* 10 minutes.*Frequency of Response:* One time.*Estimated Number of Respondents:*
100.

Dated: September 11, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

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