

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form W-12**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form W-12 IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 18, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Gerald Shields, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Joel Goldberger, (202) 927-9368, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at [Joel.P.Goldberger@irs.gov](mailto:Joel.P.Goldberger@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* IRS Paid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN).

*OMB Number:* 1545-2190.

*Form Number:* Form W-12.

*Abstract:* Paid tax return preparers will be required to get a preparer tax identification number (PTIN), and to pay the fee required with the application. A third party will administer the PTIN application process. Most applications will be filled out on-line. Form W-12 is being developed to replace Form W-7P. Form

W-12 will be used to collect the information the new regulations require, and to collect the information the third party needs to administer the PTIN application process.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,464,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: November 4, 2010.

**Gerald Shields,**

*IRS Supervisory Tax Analyst.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Special Medical Advisory Group will meet on December 1, 2010, in Room 830 at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Group is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on the care and treatment of disabled Veterans, and other matters pertinent to the Department's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

The agenda for the meeting will include discussions on the direction of VHA; healthcare reforms impact on VHA; enhancing the role of the Group; VA compensation and effect; and an update on the Blue Ribbon Panel on VA-Medical School Affiliations Report.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Juanita Leslie, Office of Administrative Operations (10B2), Veterans Health Administration, at (202) 461-7019 or e-mail at [j.t.leslie@va.gov](mailto:j.t.leslie@va.gov). No time will be set aside at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Statements, in written form, may be submitted to Ms. Leslie before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: November 15, 2010.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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