Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office Information and Technology, (Administration Offices).

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, Department of Veterans Affairs will submit a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted April 8, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through http://www.Regulations.gov; or to VA’s OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–New (Qualitative Feedback)” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–7485, fax (202) 461–0966 or e-mail denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–New (Qualitative Feedback).”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the Federal Register of December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).

Below we provide Department of Veterans Affairs projected average estimates for the next three years:

1. Type of Review: New Collection.

2. Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

3. Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 8.

4. Respondents: 200,000.

5. Frequency of Response: Once per request.

6. Average minutes per response: 30 minutes.

7. Burden hours: 100,000.

8. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,
Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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3. Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 8.

4. Respondents: 200,000.

5. Frequency of Response: Once per request.

6. Average minutes per response: 30 minutes.

7. Burden hours: 100,000.

8. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

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Type of Review: New Collection.  
Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.  
Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 6.  
Respondents: 100,000.  
Frequency of Response: Once per request.  
Average minutes per response: 30 minutes.  
Burden hours: 50,000.  
An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2011.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Title: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools Only, VA Form 22–1919.
OMB Control Number: 2900–0657.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA pays education benefits to veterans and other eligible person pursuing approved programs of education. Employees of VA and State approving agency enrolled in a proprietary profit school are prohibited from owning any interest in the school. Educational assistance provided to veterans or eligible person based on their enrollment in proprietary school and who are officials authorized to sign certificates of enrollment are also prohibited from receiving educational assistance based on their enrollment. Proprietary schools officials complete VA Form 22–1919 certifying that the institution and enrollees do not have any conflict of interest.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 21, 2010, at pages 80115–80116.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 105 hours.  
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.  
Frequency of Response: On occasion.  
Estimated Number of Respondents: 631.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0657]

Agency Information Collection (Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools) Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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