employee retirement annuity under the Special Guaranty computation as prescribed in section 3(f)(3) and 20 CFR part 229.

The survivor student annuity is usually paid by direct deposit to a financial institution either into the student's checking or savings account or into a joint bank account with a parent. The requirements for eligibility as a student are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.74, and include students in independent study and home schooling.

To help determine if a child is entitled to student benefits, the RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance. This evidence is acquired through the RRB's student monitoring program, which utilizes the following forms. Form G–315, Student Questionnaire, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance as well as information on the student's marital status, Social Security benefits, and employment, which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G–315A, Statement of School Official, is used to obtain, from a school, verification of a student's full-time attendance when the student fails to return a monitoring Form G–315. Form G–315A.1, School Official’s Notice of Cessation of Full-Time School Attendance, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance. The RRB proposes no changes to the forms.

**Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden**

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

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**Additional Information or Comments:**

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, contact Charles Mierzwa, the RRB Clearance Officer, at (312) 751–3363 or Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or e-mailed to Patricia.Henaghan@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa, Clearance Officer.

**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

**Summary:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding three Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. **Title and Purpose of information collection:** Application for Reimbursement for Hospital Insurance Services in Canada; OMB 3220–0086. Under section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. Payments are provided under section 7(d)(4) of the RRA for medical services furnished in Canada to the same extent as for those furnished in the United States. However, payments for the services furnished in Canada are made from the Railroad Retirement Account rather than from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, with the payments limited to the amount by which insurance benefits under Medicare exceed the amount payable under Canadian Provincial plans.

Form AA–104, Application for Canadian Hospital Benefits Under Medicare—Part A, is provided by the RRB to a claimant seeking reimbursement for covered hospital services received in Canada. The form obtains information needed to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the amount of any reimbursement due. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain a benefit.

**Previous Requests for Comments:** The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (76 FR 29282 on May 20, 2011) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

**Information Collection Request (ICR)**

**Title:** Application for Reimbursement for Hospital Insurance Services in Canada

**OMB Control Number:** 3220–0086

**Form(s) submitted:** AA–104

**Type of request:** Revision of a currently approved collection

**Affected public:** Individuals or Households

**Abstract:** The Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The collection obtains the information needed to determine eligibility and for the amount due for covered hospital services received in Canada.

**Changes proposed:** The RRB proposes non-burden impacting formatting and editorial changes to Form AA–104.

**The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:**

- Estimated Completion Time for Form AA–104: 10 minutes
- Estimated annual number of respondents: 35
- Total annual responses: 35
- Total annual reporting hours: 6

2. **Title and Purpose of information collection:** Employee Non-Covered Service Pension Questionnaire; OMB 3220–0154.

Section 215(a)(7) of the Social Security Act provides for a reduction in social security benefits based on
Employment not covered under the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA). This provision applies a different social security benefit formula to most workers who are first eligible after 1985 to both a pension based in whole or in part on non-covered employment and a social security retirement or disability benefit. There is a guarantee provision that limits the reduction in the social security benefit to one-half of the portion of the pension based on non-covered employment after 1956. Section 8011 of Public Law 100–647 changed the effective date of the onset from the first month of eligibility to the first month of concurrent entitlement to the non-covered service benefit and the RRA benefit.

Section 3(a)(1) of the RRA provides that the Tier I benefit of an employee annuity shall be equal to the amount (before any reduction for age or deduction for work) the employee would receive if entitled to a like benefit under the Social Security Act. The reduction for a non-covered service pension also applies to a Tier I portion of the employee annuity under the RRA when the annuity or non-covered service pension begins after 1985. Since the amount of a spouse’s Tier I benefit is one-half of the employee’s Tier I, the spouse annuity is also affected.

Form G–209, Employee Non-Covered Service Pension Questionnaire, is used by the RRB to obtain needed information (1) from a railroad employee who while completing Form AA–1, Application for Employee Annuity (OMB No. 3220–0002), indicates entitlement to or receipt of a pension based on employment not covered under Railroad Retirement or Social Security; (2) from a railroad employee when an independently-entitled divorced spouse applicant believes the employee to be entitled to a non-covered service pension. However, should RRB records indicate the employee has 30 or more years of coverage, this development is unnecessary; or (3) from an employee annuitant who becomes entitled to a pension based on employment not covered under Railroad Retirement or Social Security. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (76 FR 29283 on May 20, 2011) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Employee Non-Covered Service Pension Questionnaire

OMB Control Number: 3220–0154

Form(s) submitted: G–209

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: Under Section 3 of the Railroad Retirement Act, the Tier I portion of an employee annuity may be subject to a reduction for benefits received based on work not covered under the Social Security Act or Railroad Retirement Act. The questionnaire obtains the information needed to determine if the reduction applies and the amount of such reduction.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes minor non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form G–209.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Estimated Completion Time for Form G–209: 1 minute for a partial questionnaire and 8 minutes for a full questionnaire.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 150

Total annual responses: 150

Total annual reporting hours: 143

Title and Purpose of information collection: Availability for Work; OMB 3220–0164. Under section 1(k) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment benefits are not payable for any day in which the claimant is not available for work. The collection obtains information needed by the RRB to determine whether a claimant is willing and ready to work.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes to revise Form ID–8k to eliminate question two regarding “pay for time lost.” This question was previously included to remind covered employers of their reporting obligations under section 2(f) of the RUIA. The question is being removed as it was determined that other forms, such as the ID–4 and ID–4k, provide sufficient notice of covered employer’s reporting obligations under section 2(f).

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Estimated Completion Time for Forms: UI–38 is estimated at 11.5 minutes per response; UI–38s is estimated at 6 minutes per response in person and 10 minutes per response by mail; and Form ID–8k is estimated at 5 minutes per response.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 7,428

Total annual responses: 7,428

Total annual reporting hours: 966

Additional Information or Comments:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312) 751–3363 or Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611–2092 or Patricia.Henaghan@RRB.GOV and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202–395–6974, E-mail address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Charles Mierzwa,
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