

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 February 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through 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. 2900-0178" 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) 632-7479, FAX (202) 273-0487 or email denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training, VA Forms 22-6553d and 22-6553d-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0178.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants receiving on the job and apprenticeship training complete VA Form 22-6553d to report the number of hours worked. Schools or training establishments also complete the form to report whether the claimant's educational benefits are to be continued, unchanged or terminated, and the effective date of such action. VA Form 22-6553d-1 is an identical printed copy of VA Form 22-6553d. Claimants use VA Form 22-6553d-1 when the computer-generated version of VA Form 22-6553d is not available. VA uses the data collected to process a claimant's educational benefit claim.

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 November 1, 2011, at pages 67559-67560.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,722 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,481.

Number of Responses Annually: 184,329.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0156]

Agency Information Collection (Notice of Change in Student Status): Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Change in Student Status, VA Form 22-1999b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0156.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Educational institutions use VA Form 22-1999b to report a student's enrollment status. Benefits are not payable when a student interrupts or terminates a program. VA uses the information to determine a student's

continued entitlement to educational benefits or if the benefits should be increased, decreased, or terminated.

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 November 1, 2011, at pages 67556-67557.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—16,667 hours.

b. VA Form 22-1999b (Electronically Filed)—35,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—10 minutes.

b. VA Form 22-1999b (Electronically Filed)—7 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Responses Annually

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—100,000.

b. VA Form 22-1999b (Electronically Filed)—300,000.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0353]

Agency Information Collection (Certification of Lessons Completed): Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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 February 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through 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. 2900-0353" 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) 632-7479, FAX (202) 273-0487 or email denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0353."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of Lessons Completed, VA Forms 22-6553b and 22-6553b-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0353.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Students enrolled in a correspondence school complete VA Forms 22-6553b and 22-6553b-1 to report the number of correspondence course lessons completed and forward the forms to the correspondence school for certification. School official certifies the number of lessons serviced and submits the forms to VA for processing. Benefits are payable based on the data provided on the form. Benefits are not payable when students interrupt, discontinue, or complete the training. VA uses the data collected to determine the amount of benefit is payable.

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 November 1, 2011, at pages 67560-67561.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 411 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 821.

Number of Responses Annually: 2,463.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on January 31 and February 1, 2012. The meeting will be held in room 1143 of the Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. each day and will adjourn at 5 p.m. on January 31 and at 12:30 p.m. on February 1. All sessions will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the

Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. The session on January 31 will be devoted to discussion of the Gulf War Research Strategic Plan being prepared in VA's Office of Research and Development followed by an update of VA Gulf War research funding. The research presentations on February 1 will involve background information on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, nervous system function, its relation to ill Gulf War Veterans, and possible laboratory markers for Gulf War Veterans' illnesses. The session will also include discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments each day. A sign-up sheet for five-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Roberta White at rwhite@bu.edu.

Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Roberta White, Scientific Director, at (617) 638-4620 or Dr. Victor Kalasinsky, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5682, or email at victor.kalasinsky@va.gov.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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