

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC); Nominations**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests applications of individuals to be considered for selection as members of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualification for IRSAC membership, including the applicant's knowledge of Circular 230 regulations and the applicant's past or current affiliations and dealings with the particular tax segment or segments of the community that the applicant wishes to represent on the council. Applications will be accepted for current vacancies from qualified individuals and from professional and public interest groups that wish to have representatives on the IRSAC. The IRSAC is comprised of no more than thirty-five (35) appointed members; approximately seven of these appointments will expire in December 2012. It is important that the IRSAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on the applicant's qualifications as well as areas of expertise, geographic diversity, major stakeholder representation and customer segments.

The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. The council advises the IRS on issues that have a substantive effect on federal tax administration. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax policy and/or recommends policies with respect to emerging tax administration issues. The IRSAC suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and advises the IRS with respect to issues having substantive effect on federal tax administration.

DATES: Written applications will be accepted from May 1, 2012 through June 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:P, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution

Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, Attn: Lorenza Wilds; or by email: **public_liaison@irs.gov*. Applications may be submitted by mail to the address above or faxed to 202-927-4123.

Application packages are available on the Tax Professional's Page, which is located on the IRS Internet Web site at *http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/index.html*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lorenza Wilds, 202-622-6440 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRSAC was authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the first Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—or the Commissioner's Advisory Group ("CAG")—was established in 1953 as a "national policy and/or issue advisory committee." Renamed in 1998, the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) reflects the agency-wide scope of its focus as an advisory body to the entire agency. The IRSAC's primary purpose is to provide an organized public forum for senior IRS executives and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues.

Conveying the public's perception of IRS activities, the IRSAC is comprised of individuals who bring substantial, disparate experience and diverse backgrounds on the Council's activities. Membership is balanced to include representation from the taxpayer public, the tax professional community, small and large businesses, international, wage and investment taxpayers and the knowledge of Circular 230.

IRSAC members are nominated by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury to serve a three year term. There are four subcommittees of IRSAC, the (Small Business/Self Employed (SB/SE); Large Business and International (LB&I); Wage & Investment (W&I); and the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR).

Members are not paid for their services. However, travel expenses for working sessions, public meetings and orientation sessions, such as airfare, per diem, and transportation to and from airports, train stations, etc., are reimbursed within prescribed federal travel limitations.

An acknowledgment of receipt will be sent to all applicants. In accordance with the Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including, annual tax checks, and a practitioner check with the Office of Professional Responsibility will be conducted. In addition, all applicants

deemed "best qualified" will have to undergo a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint check. Federally-registered lobbyists cannot be members of the IRSAC.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRSAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. The IRS has special interest in assuring that women and men, members of all races and national origins, and individuals with disabilities are welcomed for service on advisory committees; and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations from such appropriately qualified candidates.

Dated: April 16, 2012.

Candice Cromling,

Director, National Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0098]

Agency Information Collection (Dependents' Application for VA Educational Benefits) 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 May 23, 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. 2900-0098" 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) 632-7583 or email denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0098."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dependents' Application for VA Educational Benefits (Under Provisions of Chapters 33 and 35, of title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0098.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-5940 is completed by spouses, surviving spouses and children of veterans or servicemembers to apply for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) and Post-9/11 GI Bill Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) benefits. VA will use the information collected to determine whether a claimant qualifies for DEA or Fry Scholarship benefits and if the program of education the applicant wishes to pursue is approved for assistance.

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 January 25, 2012, at page 3844.

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Estimated Annual Burden:

- a. VA Form 22-5940—14,870.
- b. Electronic submission—7,407.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

- a. VA Form 22-5940—45 minutes.
- b. Electronic submission—25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

- a. VA Form 22-5940—19,827.
- b. Electronic submission—17,777.

Dated: April 18, 2012.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0018]

Proposed Information Collection (Application for Accreditation as Service Organization Representative) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of General Counsel (OGC), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine accredited service organization representatives' qualification to represent claimants before VA.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov or to Ken Lee, Office of General Counsel (02), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to ken.lee@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0018" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Lee at (202) 461-7651 or FAX (202) 273-6404.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, OGC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OGC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OGC'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: Application for Accreditation as Service Organization Representative,

VA Form 21; Accreditation Cancellation Information.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0018.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Service organizations are required to file an application with VA to establish eligibility for accreditation for representatives of that organization to represent benefit claimants before VA. VA Form 21 is completed by service organizations to establish accreditation for representatives, recertify the qualifications of accredited representatives.

Organizations requesting cancellation of a representative's accreditation based on misconduct or incompetence or resignation to avoid cancellation of accreditation based upon misconduct or incompetence, are required to inform VA of the specific reason for the cancellation request. VA will use the information collected to determine whether service organizations representatives continue to meet regulatory eligibility requirements to ensure claimants have qualified representatives to assist in the preparation, presentation and prosecution of their claims for benefits.

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,003 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,780.

Dated: April 18, 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-New (26-1852)]

Proposed Information Collection (Description of Materials) 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