DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Office of Justice Programs
OJP (NIJ) Docket No. 1599
Increasing the Supply of Forensic Pathologists in the United States: A Report and Recommendations
AGENCY: National Institute of Justice.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.
SUMMARY: In an effort to obtain comments from interested parties, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Scientific Working Group for Medicolegal Death Investigation will make available to the general public a draft document entitled, “Increasing the Supply of Forensic Pathologists in the United States: A Report and Recommendations.” The opportunity to provide comments on this document is open to coroner/medical examiner office representatives, law enforcement agencies, organizations, and all other stakeholders and interested parties. Those individuals wishing to obtain and provide comments on the draft document under consideration are directed to the following link: http://swgmdi.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=102.
DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 22, 2012.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Kashtan, by telephone at 202–353–1856 [Note: This is not a toll-free telephone number], or by email at Patricia.Kashtan@usdoj.gov.
John Laub, Director, National Institute of Justice.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Secretary
Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Termination of Abandoned Individual Account Plans,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).
DATES: Submit comments on or before August 30, 2012.
ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site, http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.
Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202–395–6929/Fax: 202–395–6881 [these are not toll-free numbers], email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB approval of this ICR would continue PRA authorization for the information collection requirements contained in three regulations promulgated under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) that facilitate the termination of, and distribution of benefits from, individual account pension plans that have been abandoned by their sponsoring employers. The first regulation establishes a procedure for financial institutions holding the assets of an abandoned individual account plan to terminate the plan and distribute benefits to plan participants and beneficiaries, with limited liability. The second regulation provides a fiduciary safe harbor for making distributions from terminated plans on behalf of participants and beneficiaries who fail to make an election regarding a form of benefit distribution. The third regulation establishes a simplified method for filing a terminal report for abandoned individual account plans. The ICR also takes into account a class prohibited transaction exemption (PTE 2006–06) that permits a qualified termination administrator (QTA) of an individual account plan that has been abandoned by its sponsoring employer to select itself or an affiliate to provide services to the plan in connection with the termination of the plan, to pay itself or an affiliate fees for those services, and to pay itself for services provided prior to the plan’s deemed termination, and class Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2004–16, which are the notice and recordkeeping requirements contained in PTE 2004–16, which permits a pension plan fiduciary that is a financial institution and is also the employer maintaining an individual account pension plan for its employees to establish, on behalf of its separated employees, an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) at a financial institution that is either the employer or an affiliate, which IRA would receive mandatory distributions that the fiduciary rolls over from the plan when an employee terminates employment. These information collections are subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration


AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.


The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) produces trigger notices indicating which states qualify for both EB and EUC08 benefits, and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notices covering state eligibility for these programs can be found at: http://www.dol.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding states’ EB and EUC08 trigger status:

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on June 15, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi fell below the 9.0% trigger threshold to remain “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC 2008 program. As a result, the maximum potential entitlement for these states in the EUC program decreased from 53 weeks to 47 weeks. The week ending July 7, 2012, was the last week in which EUC claimants in these states could exhaust Tier 3, and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after July 7, 2012.

- The week ending June 30, 2012, concluded a mandatory 13-week “off” period in the Virgin Islands for Tier 3 in the EUC 2008 program. Because the current estimated trigger rate for the Virgin Islands is 7.7%, a payable period in Tier 3 has resumed beginning July 1, 2012, and the first payable week for eligible claimants was the week ending July 7, 2012.

- With the release of national unemployment data by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on July 6, 2012, the estimated three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate for the Virgin Islands rose above the 9.0% threshold necessary to trigger “on” in Tier 4 of the EUC 2008 program. The 13 week mandatory “off” period for the Virgin Islands in Tier 4 of the EUC 2008 program concluded May 26, 2012, so the Virgin Islands triggered “on” to Tier 4. As a result of this, the maximum potential entitlement for the Virgin Islands in the EUC 2008 program will increase from 47 weeks to 53 weeks. The week beginning July 22, 2012, will be the first week in which EUC claimants in the Virgin Islands who have exhausted Tier 3, and are otherwise eligible, can establish Tier 4 eligibility.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EUC08 program, and the terms and conditions under which they are payable, are governed by Public Laws 110–252, 110–449, 111–5, 111–92, 111–118, 111–144, 111–157, 111–205, 111–312, 112–96, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department. The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the Department.