immediate data validation to ensure accuracy of the respondent’s personal information. The e-Government initiative mandates that agencies utilize e-QIP for all investigations and reinvestigations. A variable in assessing burden hours is the nature of the electronic application. The electronic application includes branch questions and instructions which provide for a tailored collection from the respondent based on varying factors in the respondent’s personal history. The burden on the respondent is reduced when the respondent’s personal history is not relevant to a particular question, since the question branches, or expands for additional details, only for those persons who have pertinent information to provide regarding that line of questioning. As such, the burden on the respondent will vary depending on whether the information collection relates to the respondent’s personal history. Additionally, once entered, a respondent’s complete and certified investigative data remains secured in the e-QIP system until the next time the respondent is sponsored by an agency to complete a new investigative form. Upon initiation, the respondent’s previously entered data (except “yes/no” questions) will populate a new investigative request and the respondent will be allowed to update information and certify the data. In this instance, time to complete the form is reduced significantly.

OPM proposes the following changes to instructions in the SF 86. The section, “Instructions for Completing This Form (Paper Form Only),” will be amended to delete the instruction “If additional space is required for an explanation or to list your residences, employment/self-employment, or education, you should use a continuation sheet, SF 86A.” The SF 86A is no longer useful as SF 86 requests are conducted entirely through e-QIP. The instructions in Section 11, “Where You Have Lived,” will provide clarifying instruction to not list a spouse, cohabitant, or relative as the verifier for periods of residence. The instructions in Section 12, “Where You Went to School,” will include the Department of Education Web site (http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/search.aspx) to assist respondents in obtaining their school address(es). The instructions in Section 20b, “Foreign Government Contacts,” regarding contact with a foreign government, will be amended so that the respondent need report neither contact related to official U.S. Government travel (including official contact as a U.S. military service member on a U.S. Government military duty assignment) nor contact related to routine visa applications and border crossings on a U.S. passport. Section 20c, “Foreign Travel,” will be amended to clarify that travel solely for U.S. Government business is travel on official Government orders. Section 23, “Illegal Use of Drugs and Drug Activity,” will include instruction to clarify that drug use or activity illegal under Federal laws must be reported, even if that use or activity is legal under state or local law(s). OPM intends to amend the “Authorization for Release of Information” to clarify that information obtained from “other sources of information” includes publicly available electronic information.

OPM proposes the following change to more accurately collect information regarding legally recognized relationships. Section 17, “Marital/Relationship Status,” will be renamed “Marital/ Relationship Status.” Where the form requires collection of information regarding civil marriages and divorces, the same collection of information will be required of legally recognized civil unions and legally recognized domestic partnerships, and dissolutions of these. Since information regarding legally recognized civil unions and domestic partnerships will be captured in the “Marital/Relationship Status” section, the definition of cohabitant will be amended to exclude legally recognized civil unions and legally recognized domestic partnerships. Changes will be made to the branching questions in Section 20a, “Foreign Activities,” to collect details regarding prior ownership of foreign real estate that has since been sold. This change will correct a deficit in the branching questions that do not currently account for this scenario.

OPM is proposing to make changes to Question 21, “Psychological and Emotional Health,” in connection with a comprehensive review being conducted by the Director of National Intelligence, in his role as Security Executive Agent, with the Department of Defense, OPM, and other Federal agencies, for the purpose of clarifying support for mental health treatment and encouraging pro-active management of mental health conditions to support wellness and recovery.


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Extension: Rule 19d–1;
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Rule 19d–1 prescribes the form and content of notices to be filed with the Commission by self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) for which the Commission is the appropriate regulatory agency concerning the following final SRO actions: (1) Disciplinary actions with respect to any person; (2) denial, bar, prohibition, or limitation of membership, participation or association with a member or of access to services offered by an SRO or member thereof; (3) summarily suspending a member, participant, or person associated with a member, or summarily limiting or prohibiting any persons with respect to access to or services offered by the SRO or a member thereof; and (4) delisting a security.

The Rule enables the Commission to obtain reports from the SROs containing information regarding SRO determinations to delist a security, discipline members or associated persons of members, deny membership or participation or association with a member, and similar adjudicated findings. The Rule requires that such actions be promptly reported to the Commission. The Rule also requires that the reports and notices supply sufficient information regarding the background, factual basis and issues involved in the proceeding to enable the Commission: (1) To determine whether the matter should be called up for review on the Commission’s own motion; and (2) to ascertain generally whether the SRO has adequately carried out its responsibilities under the Exchange Act.
It is estimated that approximately eighteen respondents will utilize this application procedure annually, with a total burden of approximately 2,250 hours, based upon past submissions. This figure is based on eighteen respondents, spending approximately 125 hours each per year. It is estimated that each respondent will submit approximately 250 responses. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19d–1 for each submission is 0.5 hours. The average cost per hour, per each submission is approximately $101. Therefore, it is estimated that the internal labor cost of compliance for all respondents is approximately $227,250. (18 respondents x 250 responses per respondent x 0.5 hours per response x $101 per hour).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov

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Rule 19d–3 prescribes the form and content of applications to the Commission by persons seeking Commission review of final disciplinary actions against them taken by self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) for which the Commission is the appropriate regulatory agency. The Commission uses the information provided in the application filed pursuant to Rule 19d–3 to review final actions taken by SROs including: (1) Final disciplinary sanctions; (2) denial or conditioning of membership, participation or association; and (3) prohibitions or limitations of access to services offered by a SRO or member thereof.

It is estimated that approximately six respondents will utilize this application procedure annually, with a total burden of approximately 106 hours, for all respondents to complete all submissions. This figure is based upon past submissions. It is estimated that each respondent will submit approximately one response. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 19d–3 will be approximately eighteen hours. The average cost per hour, to complete each submission, is approximately $101. Therefore, it is estimated that the internal labor cost of compliance for all respondents is approximately $10,908 (6 submissions x 18 hours per response x $101 per hour).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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