

functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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:** Create Payment Request for the VA Funding Fee Payment System (VA FFPS); A Computer Generated Funding Fee Receipt, VA Form 26-8986.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0474.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Veterans obtaining a VA-guaranteed home loan must pay a funding fee to VA before the loan can be guaranteed. The only exceptions are loans made to Veterans receiving VA compensation for service-connected disabilities, (or Veterans whom, but for receipt of retirement pay, would be entitled to receive compensation) and unmarried surviving spouses of Veterans who died in active military service or from service-connected disability regardless of whether the spouse has his or her own eligibility.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for profit.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 9,167 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 2 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 275,000.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0708]

### Proposed Information Collection (Evidence for Transfer of Entitlement of Education Benefits) Activity: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 revision 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 transfer a servicemember's educational assistance benefits to his or her dependents.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 26, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0708" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or fax (202) 632-8925.

**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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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:** Evidence for Transfer of Entitlement of Education Benefits (38 CFR 21.7080).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0708.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Servicemembers on active duty may request to designate their educational assistance entitlement to their spouse, one or more of their children, or a combination of the spouse and children. VA will accept DOD Form 2366-1 or information electronically as evidence that the servicemember was approved by the military to transfer entitlement. The servicemember must submit in writing to VA, the name of each dependent, the number of months of entitlement transferred to each dependent, and the period (beginning date or ending date) for which the transfer will be effective for each designated dependent. VA will use the information provided by DOD Form 2366-1 to determine whether the dependent qualifies to receive education benefits under the transfer of entitlement provision of law.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 14,476.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 173,709.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

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**Crystal Rennie,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0055]

### Proposed Information Collection (Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unmarried Surviving Spouses); 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 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved