DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0089]

Agency Information Collection (Statement of Dependency of Parent(s)) 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 November 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer, 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0089” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Crystle Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystle.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0089.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Statement of Dependency of Parent(s), VA Form 21–509.
OMB Control Number: 2900–0089.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans receiving compensation benefits based on 30 percent or higher for service-connected injuries and depends on his or her parent(s) for support complete VA Form 21–509 to report income and dependency information. Surviving parents of deceased Veterans are required to establish dependency only if they are seeking death compensation.

Death compensation is payable when a Veteran died on active duty or due to service-connected disabilities prior to January 1, 1957, or died between May 1, 1957 and January 1, 1972 while the veteran’s waiver of U.S. Government Life Insurance was in effect. The data collected will be used to determine the dependent parent(s) eligibility for benefits.

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 June 18, 2013, at pages 36642–36643.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Dated: September 26, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary,
Crystal Rennie,
VA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Loan Guaranty: Assistance to Eligible Individuals in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing; Cost-of-Construction Index

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces that the aggregate amounts of assistance available under the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant program will increase by 3.995 percent during FY 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bell, III Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–8786. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 2102(e), 2102A(b)(2), and 38 CFR 36.4412(c), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announces the aggregate amounts of assistance available to eligible veterans and servicemembers eligible for SAH program grants during FY 2014.

Public Law 110–289, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, authorized the Secretary to increase the aggregate amounts of SAH assistance annually based on a residential home cost-of-construction index. The Secretary uses the Turner Building Cost Index for this purpose.

In the most recent quarter for which the Turner Building Cost Index is available, Quarter 2 FY 2013, the index showed an increase of 3.995 percent over the index value in Quarter 2 FY 2012. Pursuant to the authority cited above, therefore, the aggregate amounts of assistance of SAH grants will increase by 3.995 percent during FY 2014.

Public Law 112–154, the Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families of 2012, requires that the same percentage of increase apply to grants authorized pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2102A. As such, the maximum amount of assistance of these grants, which are called grants for Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA grants), will be increased by 3.995 percent during FY 2014.

Specially Adapted Housing: Aggregate Amounts of Assistance Available During Fiscal Year 2014

Section 2101(a) Grants and TRA Grants

The aggregate amount of assistance available for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(a) will be $67,555 during FY 2014. The maximum TRA grant made to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under section 2101(a) will be $29,657 during FY 2014.

Section 2101(b) Grants and TRA Grants

The aggregate amount of assistance available for SAH grants made pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2101(b) will be $13,511 during FY 2014. The maximum TRA grant made to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under section 2101(b) will be $5,295 during FY 2014.

Approved: September 25, 2013.

Jose D. Riojas,
Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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