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**Abstract of proposed collection:**
The DS–230 is an application for an emergency loan for a destitute U.S. citizen and/or dependent to return to the United States, an application for a destitute U.S. citizen abroad to receive emergency medical and dietary assistance and an application for a U.S. citizen and/or dependent and a third country or host country national to receive a loan to assist in his or her repatriation to the United States and/or to provide them with the funds needed to address their emergency medical and/or dietary needs.

**Methodology:**
The Bureau of Consular Affairs will post this form on Department of State Web sites to give respondents the opportunity to complete the form online, or print the form and fill it out manually and submit the form in person or by fax or mail.

Dated: December 5, 2014.

Michelle Bernier-Toth,
Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizen Services, Department of State.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Sydney Taylor at PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- **Title of Information Collection:** Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration.
- **OMB Control Number:** 1405–0015.
- **Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Application.
- **Originating Office:** CA/OVL/R.
- **Form Number:** DS–230.
- **Respondents:** Immigrant Visa Applicants.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 5,000 respondents.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 5,000 responses.
- **Average Time per Response:** 2 hours.
- **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 10,000 hours.
- **Frequency:** Once per Respondent.
- **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Value of proposed collection:**
Department of State consular officers use Form DS–230 (Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration), in conjunction with a personal interview and other requirements set forth in 22 CFR part 42, subpart G, to elicit information necessary to ascertain the applicability of the legal requirements to issue an immigrant visa. The information requested on the form is limited to that which is necessary for consular officers to determine the eligibility and classification of aliens seeking immigrant visas to the United States efficiently. A consular officer is unable to adjudicate such visas without collecting this information.

**Methodology:**
The DS–230 is available electronically via the internet and is downloaded, completed online, printed and submitted to the National Visa Center (NVC). The web address where the DS–230 can be accessed is http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/forms.html.

Dated: January 5, 2015.

Edward Ramotowski,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.