

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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A0A501010.999900253G; OMB Control
Number 1076-0120]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Bureau of Indian Education
Adult Education Program**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are
proposing to renew an information.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before March
26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
by mail to Ms. Juanita Mendoza,
Program Analyst, Bureau of Indian
Education, U.S. Department of the
Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 3609-
MIB, Washington, DC 20240; or by
email to Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu.
Please reference OMB Control Number
1076-0120 in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Juanita Mendoza by
email at Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu, or
by telephone at (202) 208-3559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public's
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information
collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the
proposed ICR that is described below.
We are especially interested in public
comment addressing the following
issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to
the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will
this information be processed and used
in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate
of burden accurate; (4) how might the
BIE enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (5) how might the BIE
minimize the burden of this collection
on the respondents, including through
the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. We will include or
summarize each comment in our request
to OMB to approve this ICR. Before
including your address, phone number,
email address, or other personal
identifying information in your
comment, you should be aware that
your entire comment—including your
personal identifying information—may
be made publicly available at any time.
While you can ask us in your comment
to withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: The Bureau of Indian
Education (BIE) is seeking renewal of
the approval for the information
collection conducted under 25 CFR part
46 to manage program resources and for
fiscal accountability and appropriate
direct services documentation.
Approval for this collection expires on
March 31, 2018. This information
includes an annual report form. No
changes are being made to the approved
burden hours and forms for this
information collection.

Title of Collection: Bureau of Indian
Education Adult Education Program.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0120.

Form Number: BIA Form 62123.

Type of Review: Extension without
change of currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:
Individuals (Tribal Adult Education
Program Administrators).

*Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:* 70 per year, on average.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual
Responses:* 70 per year, on average.

*Estimated Completion Time per
Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:* 280 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to
Obtain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Once per
year.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour
Burden Cost:* \$200.

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 authority for this action is the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Elizabeth K. Appel,

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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999900 253G; OMB Control Number 1076-
0160]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Verification of Indian
Preference for Employment in BIA and
IHS**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are
proposing to renew an information
collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before February
22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
to the Office of Management and
Budget's Desk Officer for the
Department of the Interior by email at
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please
provide a copy of your comments to Ms.
Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of
Tribal Government Services, Office of
Indian Services, Bureau of Indian
Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop
4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240;
facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email:
laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov. Please
reference OMB Control Number 1076-
0160 in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud
by email at laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov, or
by telephone at (202) 513-7641. You
may also view the ICR at [http://
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public's
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information
collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day public comment period soliciting

comments on this collection of information was published on October 19, 2017 (82 FR 48722). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 U.S.C. 43, 36 Stat. 472, inter alia, and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 5, regarding verification of Indian preference for employment. The purpose of Indian preference is to encourage qualified Indian persons to seek employment with the BIA and Indian Health Service (IHS) by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects the information to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform functions formerly performed as part of the BIA and IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a

federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendent of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

Title of Collection: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0160.

Form Number: BIA 4432.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Qualified Indian persons who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 5,000 per year, on average.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,000 per year, on average.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,500 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: A response is required to obtain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$6,920.

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 authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Elizabeth K. Appel,

Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

**[189A2100DD/AAKC001030/
AOA501010.999900 253G; OMB Control
Number 1076–0114]**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Application for
Admission to Haskell Indian Nations
University and to Southwestern Indian
Polytechnic Institute**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,

the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW, Mailstop 3609–MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208–3312; or email to: Jacquelyn.Cheek@bie.edu. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076–0114 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, phone: 202–631–4074. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 27, 2017 (82 FR 19382). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of