

the **Federal Register** and on a publicly accessible website of the Department. VA published the **Federal Register** Notice on September 18, 2015 (80 FR 56550). VA also published the Independent Assessment Report on its website at https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets_and_details.asp. Since then, VA has simplified the website content to give Veterans easier access to practical information about eligibility and participation in the Veterans' Choice Program. As part of this redesign, VA moved the Independent Assessment Report to <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICY/PLANNING/section1.asp>. This **Federal Register** Notice informs the public of this change so that Veterans and other stakeholders will continue to have access to these important resources.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the **Federal Register** for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrissee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 23, 2018, for publication.

Approved: January 23, 2018.

Jeffrey Martin,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0463]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Notice of Waiver of Compensation or Pension To Receive Military Pay and Allowances

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2018.

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. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances (VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0463.

Type of Review: Re-instatement of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2 are used by reservists/guardsmen to file a waiver a VA disability benefits in order to receive active or inactive duty training pay.

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 at 82 FR 213 on November 06, 2017, page 51482.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0024]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Insurance Deduction Authorization

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: Insurance Deduction Authorization VA Form 29-888.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0024.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Collection.

Abstract: These forms are used by veterans to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make deductions from benefit payments to pay premiums, loans and/or liens on his/her insurance contract. The information requested is authorized by law, 38 CFR 8.8. This form was allowed to expire due to high level of work volume and staffing changes.

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