Reason for Closing: The work being reviewed during closed portions of the site visit include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the project. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.


Crystal Robinson,
Committee Management Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.


Under Section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) and Section 6 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) maintains for each railroad employee, a record of compensation paid to that employee by all railroad employers for whom the employee worked after 1936. This record, which is maintained by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an ICR to OMB. The ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public.


Crystal Robinson,
Committee Management Officer.

NSF Sunny Albany Site Visit Agenda

May 16, 2018

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: Welcome remarks from Vice President for Research
—James Díaz (10 min.)
—Introductions (15 min.)
—PIRE Rationale and Goals (Dr. Everett Joseph, 10 min.)
—PIRE Administration and Management (Li Zhang, 15 min.)
• Summer Program at UAlbany: Language & Cultural programs
• Summer Program in Taiwan
• PIRE Taiwanese Partners Website
• Data server
• Cohort building experience
• Horizontal mentorships experience
—PIRE Science Research Overview (Dr. Everett Joseph, 15 min.)
—Budget Plans (Jessie and Cathy, 10 min.)
—PIRE Evaluation (15 min.)

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: PIRE Undergraduate Students Poster Session
—PIRE Graduate Students Presentation
—Facilities and Physical Infrastructure

12 p.m.–12:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session (CLOSED)

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.: Lunch—Discussion with Students

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.:—Integrating Research and Education
—Integrating with Taiwanese counterparts
—Integrating with Howard University
—Integrating Diversity
—Institutionalization of PIRE Project
—Cohort Experience Building
—Developing Human Resources

3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session/Break (CLOSED)

3:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.: Partnerships
4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.: Wrap up
5:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m.: Executive Session/Break
6:15 p.m.: Critical Feedback Provided to PI

8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.: NSF Executive Session/Working Dinner (CLOSED)

May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.:—Meeting with Administrators and Investigator (CLOSED)
—Meeting with James Diaz and Everett Joseph (Topic: Institutional Support)
9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: Summary/Proposing Team to Critical Feedback
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: Site Review Team Prepares Site Visit Report (Working Lunch Provided)
4:15 p.m.: Presentation of Site Visit Report to Principal Investigator
The information collection also includes RRB Form BA–12, Application for Employer Reporting internet Access, and Form G–440, Report Specifications Sheet. Form BA–12 is completed by railroad employers to obtain system access to ERS. Once access is obtained, authorized employees may submit reporting forms online to the RRB. The form determines what degree of access (view-only, data entry/modification or approval/submission) is appropriate for that employee. It is also used to terminate an employee’s access to ERS. Form G–440, Report Specifications Sheet, serves as a certification document for Forms BA–3 and BA–4 as well as other RRB employer reporting forms (Form BA–6a, BA–6 Address Report (OMB 3220–0005), Form BA–9, Report of Separation Allowance or Severance Pay (OMB 3220–0173) and Form BA–11, Report of Gross Earnings (OMB 3220–0132)). It records the type of medium the report was submitted on, and serves as a summary recapitulation sheet for reports filed on paper.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3778 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

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2. Title and purpose of information collection: Application for Benefits Due But Unpaid at Death; OMB 3220–0055.

Under Section 2(g) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The RRB uses Form AA–6, Employee Application for Medicare; Form AA–7, Spouse/Divorced Spouse Application for Medicare; and Form AA–8, Widow/Widower Application for Medicare; to obtain the information needed to determine whether the employee qualified for Medicare payments provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

Further, in order to determine if a qualified railroad retirement beneficiary who is claiming supplementary medical insurance coverage under Medicare is entitled to a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) or/and premium surcharge relief because of coverage under an Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP), the RRB needs to obtain information regarding the claimant’s EGHP coverage, if any. The RRB uses Form RL–311–F, Evidence of Coverage Under An Employer Group Health Plan, to obtain the basic information needed to establish EGHP coverage for a qualified railroad retirement beneficiary. Completion of the forms is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3779 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Application for Benefits Due but Unpaid at Death.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0055.

Form(s) submitted: AA–6, AA–7, AA–8, and RL–311–F.

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Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: The collection obtains the information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to pay benefits accrued under section 2(g) of the Railroad Retirement Act, but not paid because of the death of the employee.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form UI–63.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

3. Title and purpose of information collection: Medicare; OMB 3220–0082.

Under Section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The RRB uses Form AA–6, Employee Application for Medicare; Form AA–7, Spouse/Divorced Spouse Application for Medicare; and Form AA–8, Widow/Widower Application for Medicare; to obtain the information needed to determine whether the individual is entitled to Medicare benefits.

Further, in order to determine if a qualified railroad retirement beneficiary who is claiming supplementary medical insurance coverage under Medicare is entitled to a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) or/and premium surcharge relief because of coverage under an Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP), the RRB needs to obtain information regarding the claimant’s EGHP coverage, if any. The RRB uses Form RL–311–F, Evidence of Coverage Under An Employer Group Health Plan, to obtain the basic information needed to establish EGHP coverage for a qualified railroad retirement beneficiary. Completion of the forms is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3779 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Medicare.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0082.

Form(s) submitted: AA–6, AA–7, AA–8 and RL–311–F.

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Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households; Businesses or other for profits.

Abstract: The collection obtains the information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to pay benefits accrued under section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, but not paid because of the death of the employee.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:


Under Section 3(f)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the total monthly benefits payable to a railroad employee and his/her family are guaranteed to be no less than the amount which would be payable if the employee’s railroad service had been covered by the Social Security Act. This is referred to as the Social Security Overall Minimum Guarantee, which is prescribed in 20 CFR 229. To administer this provision, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) requires information about a retired employee’s spouse and child(ren) who would not be eligible for benefits under the RRA but would be eligible for benefits under the Social Security Act if the employee’s railroad service had been covered by that Act. The RRB obtains the required information by the use of Forms G–319, Statement Regarding Family and Earnings for Special Guranty Computation, and G–320, Student Questionnaire for Special Guranty Computation. One response is
required of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G–319 and G–320.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3779 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Evidence for Application of Overall Minimum.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0083.


Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under Section 3(f)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the total monthly benefits payable to a railroad employee and his/her family are guaranteed to be no less than the amount which would be payable if the employee’s railroad service had been covered by the Social Security Act.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

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5. Title and purpose of information collection: Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant’s Work and Earnings; OMB 3220–0107.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), a railroad employee’s retirement annuity or an annuity paid to the spouse of a railroad employee is subject to work deductions in the Tier II component of the annuity and any employee supplemental annuity for any month in which the annuitant works for a Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employer (LPE). The LPE is defined as the last person, company, or institution, other than a railroad employer, that employed an employee or spouse annuitant. In addition, the employee, spouse, or divorced spouse Tier I annuity benefit is subject to work deductions under Section 2(f)(1) of the RRA for earnings from any non-railroad employer that are over the annual exempt amount. The regulations pertaining to non-payment of annuities by reason of work and LPE are contained in 20 CFR 230.1 and 230.2.

The RRB utilizes Form RL–231–F, Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant’s Work and Earnings, to obtain the information needed to determine if a work deduction should be applied because an annuitant worked in non-railroad employment after the annuity beginning date. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary. The RRB proposes no changes to Form RL–231–F.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3780 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant’s Work and Earnings.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0107.

Form(s) submitted: RL–231–F.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), benefits are not payable if an annuitant works for an employer covered under the RRA or last non-railroad employer. The collection obtains information regarding an annuitant’s work and earnings from a non-railroad employer. The information is used to determine whether benefits should be withheld.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form RL–231–F.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

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In order to carry out the financial interchange provisions of section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB obtains annually from railroad employer’s the gross earnings for their employees on a one-percent basis, i.e., 1% of each employer’s railroad employees. The gross earnings sample is based on the earnings of employees whose social security numbers end with the digits “30.” The gross earnings are used to compute payroll taxes under the financial interchange.

The gross earnings information is essential in determining the tax amounts involved in the financial interchange with the Social Security Administration and Centers for
Medicare & Medicaid Services. Besides being necessary for current financial interchange calculations, the gross earnings file tabulations are also an integral part of the data needed to estimate future tax income and corresponding financial interchange amounts. These estimates are made for internal use and to satisfy requests from other government agencies and interested groups. In addition, cash flow projections of the social security equivalent benefit account, railroad retirement account and cost estimates made for proposed amendments to laws administered by the RRB are dependent on input developed from the information collection.

The RRB utilizes Form BA–11 to obtain gross earnings information from railroad employers. Employers have the option of preparing and submitting BA–11 reports online via the RRB’s Employer Reporting System or on paper (or in like format) on magnetic tape cartridges, by File Transfer Protocol (FTP), or secure Email. The online BA–11 includes the option to file a “negative report” (no employees, or no employees with the digits “30”). Completion is mandatory. One response is requested of each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 3780 on January 26, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Gross Earnings Report
OMB Control Number: 2320–0132.

Form(s) submitted: BA–11, BA–11 (Internet).

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Additional Information or Comments:
Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–1275 or Brian.Foster@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202–395–6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Brian D. Foster,
Clerical Officer.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee (“FIMSAC”) will hold a public meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in Multi-Purpose Room LL–006 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC.

STATUS: The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission’s website at www.sec.gov.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: On March 15, 2018, the Commission published notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 34–82884), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on updates and presentations from the three FIMSAC subcommittees.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.
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