

The Bureau is seeking feedback on all aspects of its consumer complaint and inquiry handling processes, including:

1. Specific statutorily-permissible suggestions regarding how the Bureau currently allows consumers to submit complaints and inquiries, including:

a. Should the Bureau require consumers to classify their submission affirmatively as a consumer complaint or inquiry prior to submission?

b. How should the Bureau explain the difference between a consumer complaint and a consumer inquiry to consumers at the point of submission?

c. Should the Bureau develop a process for companies to reclassify consumers' submissions? If so, what criteria should the Bureau establish to help companies differentiate consumer complaints from consumer inquiries?

2. Specific statutorily-permissible suggestions regarding the Bureau's consumer complaint processes, including:

a. The Bureau currently receives complaints via six channels: Website, referral from Federal and State entities/agencies, telephone, mail, fax, and email. Should the Bureau add or discontinue any channels for accepting complaints?

b. Consistent with the Dodd-Frank Act's definition of "consumer," the Bureau currently allows consumers to authorize someone else (e.g., lawyer, advocate, power of attorney) to submit complaints on their behalf. Should the Bureau expand, limit, or maintain the ability of authorized third parties to submit complaints?

3. Specific statutorily-permissible suggestions regarding the Bureau's consumer inquiry processes, including:

a. The Bureau currently accepts consumer inquiries via telephone and mail. Should the Bureau add or discontinue any channels for accepting inquiries?

b. Should the Bureau develop web chat systems to support consumers' submission of inquiries?

c. Should the Bureau develop a process for companies to provide timely responses to consumer inquiries sent to them by the Bureau? If so, how should the Bureau balance its objective of providing timely and understandable information to consumers¹⁴ with its objective of reducing unwarranted regulatory burden on companies?¹⁵

d. Should the Bureau publish data about consumer inquiries? If so, what types of data or analyses about consumer inquiries should be shared with the public?

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 5511(c).

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Mick Mulvaney,

Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2018-OS-0019]

Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals; Proposed Changes

AGENCY: Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals (JRAP) Committee, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes to the Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed changes to the Joint Rules of Appellate Procedure for Courts of Criminal Appeals (JRAP), which prescribe uniform procedures for the service Courts of Criminal Appeals. Although these rules of practice and procedure fall within the Administrative Procedure Act's exemptions for notice and comment, the Department, as a matter of policy, has decided to make these changes available for public review and comment before they are implemented. The proposed changes implement the Military Justice Act of 2016 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 and the 2018 Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States. The approval authorities for these changes are the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received no later than May 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for

comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander Rachel Trest, JAGC, USN, United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, (202) 685-4621, rachel.e.trest@navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As the proposed revisions to the JRAP are substantial, the full text of the proposed new JRAP is available electronically at www.regulations.gov, searchable by Docket ID: DoD-2018-OS-0019. The current text of the JRAP is available for comparison electronically at www.regulations.gov, searchable by Docket ID: DoD-2018-OS-0019.

The JRAP Committee invites members of the public to comment on the proposed new rules; such comments should address specific recommended changes and provide supporting rationale.

This notice is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government. It is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

Dated: April 10, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0007]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program (TEACH Grant Program) Agreement To Serve

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 17, 2018.

¹⁴ 12 U.S.C. 5511(b)(1).

¹⁵ 12 U.S.C. 5511(b)(3).

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2018–ICCD–0007. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216–34, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jon Utz, 202–377–4040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program (TEACH Grant Program) Agreement to Serve.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0083.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 50,793.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 25,397.

Abstract: As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, a student must sign an Agreement to Serve. A new Agreement to Serve must be signed for each award year during which a student wishes to receive a TEACH Grant. By signing the Agreement to Serve, a TEACH Grant recipient agrees to meet the teaching service obligation and other terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant Program that are described in the Agreement to Serve. In accordance with these terms and conditions, if a TEACH Grant recipient does not fulfill the required teaching service obligation or otherwise fails to meet the requirements of the TEACH Grant Program, any TEACH Grant funds the individual received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that the grant recipient must repay in full, with interest. The Agreement to Serve also explains the repayment terms and conditions that will apply if a TEACH Grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Dated: April 11, 2018.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB or Board) will be renewed for a two-year period beginning on April 11, 2018.

The Board provides the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program at various sites. These site-specific issues include clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and

disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities.

Additionally, the renewal of the Board has been determined to be essential to conduct DOE's business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the DOE by law and agreement. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Borak, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586–9928 or david.borak@em.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2018.

Wayne D. Smith,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 18, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER**