DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0035]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection; Application To Adjust Status From Temporary to Permanent Resident


ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov. All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615–0035 in the subject line.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that you make.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7001–N–61]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Reform Act: Changes to Admission and Occupancy Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: January 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806; email: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov, or telephone 202–402–3400. This is not a toll-free

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ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection notice was previously published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2018, at 83 FR 49939, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments in connection with the 60-day notice. You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: http://www.regulations.gov and enter USCIS–2008–0019 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2) Evaluate 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;

3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

1) Type of Information Collection Request: Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident.

3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: I–698; USCIS.

4)Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals and Households. The data collected on Form I–698 is used by USCIS to determine the eligibility to adjust an applicant’s residence status.

5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–698 is 100 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.25 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for biometrics processing is 100 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 242 hours.

7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $49,000.
number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 11, 2018 at 83 FR 49554.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Public Housing Reform Act: Changes to Admission and Occupancy Requirements.

OMB Approved Number: 2577–0230.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This collection of information implements changes to the admission and occupancy requirements for the Public Housing program made by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility (QHWR) Act of 1998 (Title V of the FY 1999 HUD appropriations Act, Public Law 105–276, 112 Stat. 2518, approved October 21, 1998), and the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), section 103, which amends the United States Housing Act of 1937. Both QHWR and HOTMA made comprehensive changes to HUD’s Public Housing program. These changes include defining an ‘over-income family’ as one having an annual income 120 percent above the median income for the area for two consecutive years and includes new mandatory annual reporting requirements on the number of over-income families residing in Public Housing and the total number of families on the Public Housing waiting lists at the end of each reporting year. The purpose of the admission and occupancy policy requirement is to ensure that Public Housing Agencies (PHA) have written documentation of their respective admission and occupancy policies for both the public and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Public Housing Authorities must have on hand and available for inspection, policies related to admission and occupancy, to respond to inquiries from tenants, legal aid services, HUD, and other interested parties informally or through the Freedom of Information Act of policies relating to eligibility for admission and continued occupancy, local preferences, income limitations, and rent determination. HOTMA now requires PHAs to make a one-time update to their admission and occupancy policy to apply local over-income limits, and annually report on the number of over-income families living in their Public Housing units as well as the number of families on the Public Housing’s waiting list. Revisions are made to this collection to reflect adjustments in calculations based on the total number of current, active Public Housing agencies (PHAs) to date. The number of active Public Housing agencies has changed from 3,946 to 2,897 since the last approved information collection which inadvertently also included voucher only PHAs. In general, the number of PHAs can fluctuate due to many factors, including but not limited to the merging of two or more PHAs or the termination of the Public Housing programs due to the Rental Assistance Demonstration.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,897.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,897.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 24.

Total Estimated Burdens: 69,528.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

1. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond: including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority