

an open-skies agreement with the United States where that agreement is being applied. In this regard, the Department's Office of International Aviation maintains a list on its website of Open Skies Agreements Currently Being Applied between the United States and its open-skies partners, and updates the list as partners are added or removed.<sup>1</sup> The Department has stated that it will issue a Notice if an open-skies partner is removed from the list, and allow U.S. carriers holding blanket open-skies certificate authority 120 days to seek exemption authority to serve that foreign aviation partner, as the certificate authority to serve that foreign partner will no longer be effective 120 days after the publication date of the Notice.<sup>2</sup> The Department has further stated that it will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

On March 9, 2019, Samoa withdrew as a party to the Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation (MALIAT), thereby ending its open-skies relationship with the United States as a multilateral partner.<sup>3</sup> On March 11, 2019, the Department issued a Notice stating that it will remove Samoa from its list of Open Skies Agreements Currently Being Applied, effective July 9, 2019. The Department served its March 11 Notice on all certificated U.S. air carriers operating large aircraft; the U.S. Department of State (Office of Aviation Negotiations); and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Department accordingly invites U.S. carriers to file applications for exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 40109, to provide scheduled foreign air

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.transportation.gov/policy/aviation-policy/open-skies-agreements-being-applied>.

<sup>2</sup> See e.g., Orders 2007-4-2, 2007-7-3, and 2007-7-4.

<sup>3</sup> The United States was informed through diplomatic channels that the Government of New Zealand, as depositary for the MALIAT, received the Government of Samoa's Notification of Withdrawal on March 9, 2018. Under Article 18 of the MALIAT, Samoa's withdrawal became effective March 9, 2019.

transportation to Samoa on the basis of comity and reciprocity.<sup>4</sup>

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 11, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0859]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Request for Restoration of Educational Assistance

**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 (VBA), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB

<sup>4</sup> U.S. carriers holding open-skies route authority by exemption that wish to serve Samoa should similarly file applications for specific exemption authority.

Control No. 2900-0859" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny S. Green at (202) 421-1354. Please refer to "Control No. 2900-0859" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 38 U.S.C. 3699.

*Title:* Request for Restoration of Educational Assistance (VA Form 22-0989).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0859.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 22-0989 will allow students to apply for restoration of entitlement for VA education benefits used at a school that closed or had its approval to receive VA benefits withdrawn. Education Service requests approval of this information collection in order to carry out the implementation of the law which requires VA to immediately accept applications to restore education benefits for school closures and disapprovals beginning after January 1, 2015.

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 83 FR 25614 on November, 26, 2018, page 60558.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,511 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,045.

By direction of the Secretary.

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