

Instructions to Form NRSRO under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).¹

Rule 17g–1, Form NRSRO and the Instructions to Form NRSRO contain certain recordkeeping and disclosure requirements for NRSROs. Currently, there are 9 credit rating agencies registered as NRSROs with the Commission. Based on staff experience, the Commission estimates that the revised ongoing annual burden for respondents to comply with Rule 17g–1 and Form NRSRO remains at 275 hours, but with a decrease in industry total hours to 2,475 hours, reflecting the decrease in registered entities. In addition, the Commission estimates an industry-wide annual external cost to NRSROs of \$3,600 to comply with the requirements.

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The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Cynthia Roscoe, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Dated: September 22, 2020.

J. Matthew DeLesDenier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Rule 17g–2 30 Day Notice 2020—Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Extension:

Rule 17g–2

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 17g–2 (17 CFR 240.17g–2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”).

Rule 17g–2, “Records to be made and retained by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations,” implements the Commission’s recordkeeping rulemaking authority under Section 17(a) of the Exchange Act.¹ The rule requires a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (“NRSRO”) to make and retain certain records relating to its business and to retain certain other business records, if such records are made. The rule also prescribes the time periods and manner in which all these records must be retained. There are 9 credit rating agencies registered with the Commission as NRSROs under section 15E of the Exchange Act, which have already established the record keeping policies and procedures required by Rule 17g–2. Based on staff experience, NRSROs are estimated to spend a total industry-wide burden of 2,151 annual hours to make and retain the appropriate records.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to seek approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the data collection activities described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information to OMB, and to allow 60 days for the public to comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with such requirements and announces the SBA’s proposal to conduct a survey of small businesses and lenders who participated in the SBA’s Microloan program.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Shay Meinzer, Lead Program Evaluator, Office of Program Performance, Analysis, and Evaluation, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shay Meinzer, Lead Program Evaluator, Office of Program Performance, Analysis, and Evaluation, Small Business Administration, shay.meinzer@sba.gov, 202–539–1429, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a request for the collection of new information.

The purpose of the Microloan Program is to assist women, low income, veteran, and minority entrepreneurs, and other small

¹ See 17 CFR 240.17g–1 and 17 CFR 249b.300.

¹ 15 U.S.C 78q.

businesses in need of small amounts of financial assistance. Under the Microloan Program, the SBA makes direct loans to intermediaries (lenders) that, in turn, use the proceeds to make microloans (*i.e.*, loans of \$50,000 or less) and to provide training and technical assistance to eligible borrowers in their SBA approved geographic service areas. By offering financing and assistance to these businesses, the Microloan Program aims to support job creation and retention for small businesses by providing access to financial capital unavailable through conventional channels.

The SBA is conducting an evaluation to examine how the Microloan Program activities of lending and technical assistance improve revenue, job creation, and survival for businesses that participate in the program. The evaluation also seeks to describe the population of borrowers, their business characteristics and their experiences with the program. The lender characteristics, and the training and technical assistance provided to borrowers will also be described. The results of the evaluation will be used to develop recommendations to improve the program. The recommendations will focus on improving access to financing, improving technical assistance and training, and improving other factors that promote small business growth.

The SBA proposes the use of four data collection instruments: (1) Borrower Web survey, (2) borrower semi-structured telephone interview, (3) lender web survey, (4) lender semi-structured telephone interview. The borrower survey will cover the topics of (1) training and technical assistance received; (2) program satisfaction and ratings of the program's contribution to the business growth; (3) how the Microloan program experiences compare with other programs; and (4) suggestions for the program improvements. The interviews with lenders will discuss (1) frequency and purpose of contacts with borrowers; (2) the most and the least effective types of training and technical assistance; (3) how the Microloan program experiences compare with other programs; and (4) suggestions for the program improvements.

Summary of Proposed Information Collection

Borrower Web Survey

Description of Respondents: Microloan program borrowers who received microloans 2010–2019.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 865.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.
Estimated Annual Responses: 865.
Estimated Average Minutes per Response: 20.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 288.

Borrower Telephone Interview

Description of Respondents: Microloan program borrowers who received microloans 2010–2019.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 24.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.
Estimated Annual Responses: 24.
Estimated Average Minutes per Response: 20.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 8.

Lender Web Survey

Description of Respondents: Microloan program lenders who participated in the program 2010–2019.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.
Estimated Annual Responses: 150.
Estimated Average Minutes per Response: 15.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 38.

Lender Telephone Interview

Description of Respondents: Microloan program lenders who participated in the program 2010–2019.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 24.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.
Estimated Annual Responses: 24.
Estimated Average Minutes per Response: 20.
Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 8.

Solicitation of Public Comments: The SBA requests comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA–2020–0051]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202–395–6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. (SSA), Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, 3100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410–966–2830, Email address: OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

Or you may submit your comments online through www.regulations.gov, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA–2020–0051].

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than October 26, 2020. Individuals can obtain copies of these OMB clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Government Pension Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.408a–0960–0160. The basic Social Security benefits application (OMB No. 0960–0618) contains a lead question asking if the applicants are qualified (or will qualify) to receive a government pension. If the respondent is qualified, or will qualify, to receive a government pension, the applicant completes Form SSA–3885 either on paper or through a personal interview with an SSA claims