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: Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

2. Title of the Form/Collection: Request for Reduced Fee.

3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: I–942; USCIS.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on this form to verify that the applicant is eligible for a reduced fee for the immigration benefit being requested.

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 I–942 is 4,491 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.75 hour.

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 3,368 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 $19,087.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615–0153]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: E-Verify Program


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: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at http://www.regulations.gov, or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

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 Information Collection:

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

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: E-Verify Program.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: No Agency Form Number; USCIS.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary Business or other for-profit. E-Verify allows employers to electronically confirm the employment eligibility of newly hired employees. USCIS has received, at the direction of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), a temporary second OMB Control Number 1615–0153. The original OMB Control Number, 1615–0092, remains valid while OIRA continues to evaluate a separate submission under that Control Number.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 66,330 respondents averaging 2.26 hours per response (enrollment time includes review and signing of the MOU, registration, new user training, and review of the user guides); plus 425,000, the number of already-enrolled respondents receiving training on new features and system updates averaging 1 hour per response; plus 425,000, the number of respondents submitting E-Verify cases averaging .121 hours per case.

(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 3,403,281 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 $1,887,000.


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