

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2020-0064]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed 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.

Comments: <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 60-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

(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-2020-0064].

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than March 1, 2021. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. Letter to Employer Requesting Information About Wages Earned By

Beneficiary—20 CFR 404.1520, 20 CFR 404.1571–404.1576, 20 CFR 404.1584–404.1593, and 20 CFR 416.971–416.976—0960-0034. Social Security disability recipients receive payments based on their inability to engage in substantial gainful activity (SGA) because of a physical or mental condition. If the recipients work, SSA must evaluate if they continue to meet the disability requirements of the law. When an individual is unable to provide earnings information and SSA does not have access to proof of earnings, we use Form SSA-L-725 to request monthly earnings information from the recipient's employer. SSA employees send the paper from SSA-L725 to the employer to complete, and use the earnings data we receive from the employers to determine whether the recipient is engaging in SGA, since work above SGA level can cause a cessation of disability payments. The respondents are businesses that employ Social Security disability recipients.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA-L725	170,000	1	40	113,333	*\$22.79	**\$2,582,859

* We based this figure on the average Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes433051.htm>).

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2. Letter to Employer Requesting Wage Information—20 CFR 416.203 & 416.1110—0960-0138. SSA must establish and verify wage information for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) applicants and recipients when

determining SSI eligibility and payment amounts. SSA collects wage data from employers on Form SSA-L4201 to determine eligibility and proper payment amounts for SSI applicants and recipients. The respondents are

employers of SSI applicants and recipients.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA-L4201	133,000	1	30	66,500	*\$22.79	**\$1,515,535

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3. Request for Review of Hearing Decision/Order—20 CFR 404.967–404.981, 416.1467–416.1481—0960-0277. Claimants have a right under current regulations to request review of an administrative law judge's (ALJ)

hearing decision, or dismissal of a hearing request on Title II and Title XVI claims. Claimants may request Appeals Council review by filing a written request using paper Form HA-520, or the internet application, i520. SSA uses

the information we collect to establish the claimant filed the request for review within the prescribed time, and to ensure the claimant completed the requisite steps permitting the Appeals Council review. The Appeals Council

then uses the information to: (1) Document the claimant's reason(s) for disagreeing with the ALJ's decision or dismissal; (2) determine whether the

claimant has additional evidence to submit; and (3) determine whether the claimant has a representative or wants to appoint one. The respondents are

claimants requesting review of an ALJ's decision or dismissal of hearing.
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Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time in field office (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
HA-520—Paper	105,000	1	10	17,500	*\$10.73	**24	***\$638,435
i520—Internet	70,000	1	15	17,500	*10.73	.....	***187,775
Totals	175,000	.....	.....	35,000	.....	.....	***826,210

* We based this figure on average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2020 data (<https://www.ssa.gov/legislation/2020Fact%20Sheet.pdf>).

** We based this figure on the average FY 2020 wait times for field offices, based on SSA's current management information data.

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4. Social Security Benefits Application—20 CFR 404.310–404.311, 404.315–404.322, 404.330–404.333, 404.601–404.603, and 404.1501–404.1512—0960–0618. Title II of the Social Security Act provides retirement, survivors, and disability benefits to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria and file the appropriate application. This collection comprises the various application methods for each type of benefits. SSA uses the information we gather through the multiple information collection tools in this information collection request to

determine applicants' eligibility for specific Social Security benefits, as well as the amount of the benefits. Individuals filing for disability benefits can, and in some instances SSA may require them to, file applications under both Title II, Social Security disability benefits, and Title XVI, SSI payments. We refer to disability applications filed under both titles as "concurrent applications." This collection comprises the various application methods for each type of benefits. These methods include the following modalities: Paper forms (Forms SSA–1, SSA–2, and SSA–

16); Modernized Claims System (MCS) screens for in-person interview applications; and internet-based iClaim application. SSA uses the information we collect through these modalities to determine: (1) The applicants' eligibility for the above-mentioned Social Security benefits and (2) the amount of the benefits. The respondents are applicants for retirement, survivors, and disability benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act, or their representative payees.
Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time in field office (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
SSA-1							
Paper version/SSA-1	1,811	1	11	332	*\$25.72	**24	***\$27,160
Interview/MCS	1,438,058	1	10	239,676	*25.72	**24	***20,959,202
Internet/iClaim—Domestic Residence:							
First Party	1,422,954	1	15	355,739	*25.72	**24	***9,149,607
Third party initiated (complete and submit) ..	25,255	1	15	6,314	*25.72	**24	***162,396
First party (review and sign)	25,255	1	5	2,105	*25.72	**24	***54,141
Internet/iClaim—Foreign Residence:							
First Party	10,309	1	18	3,093	*25.72	**24	***79,552
Third party-initiated (complete and submit) ..	18,826	1	18	5,648	*25.72	**24	***145,267
First party (review and sign)	18,826	1	8	2,510	*25.72	**24	***64,557
Totals	2,961,294	.....	.....	615,417	.....	.....	***30,641,882

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time in field office (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
SSA-2							
Paper version/SSA-2	972	1	15	243	*25.72	**24	***15,792
Interview/MCS	447,610	1	14	104,442	*25.72	**24	***7,291,260
iClaim	153,780	1	15	38,445	*25.72	**24	***988,805
Totals	602,362	143,130	***8,295,857

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SSA-16							
Paper version/SSA-16	40,346	1	20	13,449	*25.72	**24	***760,978
Interview/MCS	1,159,121	1	19	367,055	*25.72	**24	***21,365,681
Internet/iClaim—Domestic Residence:							
First Party	926,750	1	15	231,688	*25.72	**24	***5,959,015
Third party initiated (complete and submit) ..	343,327	1	15	85,832	*25.72	**24	***2,207,599
First party (review and sign)	343,327	1	5	28,611	*25.72	**24	***735,875
Internet/iClaim—Foreign Residence:							
First Party	1,441	1	18	432	*25.72	**24	***11,111
Third party-initiated (complete and submit) ..	123	18	18	37	*25.72	**24	***952
First party (review and sign)	123	18	8	16	*25.72	**24	***412
Totals	2,814,558	727,120	**31,041,623

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time in field office (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
Grand Total							
Total	6,378,214	.....	.....	1,485,667	.....	.....	*** 69,979,362

* We based this figure on the average hourly wage for all occupations in May 2019 as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000).

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5. Authorization to Disclose Information to SSA—20 CFR 404.1512 and 416.912, 45 CFR parts 160 and 164—0960—0623. Sections 223(d)(5)(A) and 1614(a)(3)(H)(i) of the Act require claimants to provide medical and other evidence the Commissioner of Social Security may require to prove they are disabled. SSA must obtain sufficient

evidence to make eligibility determinations for Title II and Title XVI payments. The applicants use Form SSA-827, or the internet counterpart, i827, to provide consent for the release of medical records, education records, and other information related to their ability to perform tasks. Once the applicant completes Form SSA-827, or

the i827, SSA or the State DDS sends the form to the designated source(s) to obtain pertinent records. The respondents are applicants for Title II and Title XVI disability payments.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Average wait time in field office (minutes)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
SSA-827 with electronic signature (eAuthorization)	2,354,946	1	9	353,242	* \$10.73	** 24	\$13,897,711
SSA-827 with wet signature (paper version)	3,408,106	1	10	568,018	* 10.73	** 24	*** 20,722,424
iClaims with electronic signature	404,690	1	9	60,704	* 10.73	.....	*** 651,354
iAppeals with electronic signature	176,202	1	9	26,430	* 10.73	*** 283,594
Totals	6,343,944	1,008,394	*** 35,555,083

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6. State Death Match Collections—20 CFR 404.301, 404.310—404.311, 404.316, 404.330—404.341, 404.350—404.352, 404.371, and 416.912—0960—0700. SSA uses the State Death Match Collections to ensure the accuracy of payment files by detecting unreported or inaccurate

reports of death of beneficiaries. Under the Act, entitlement to retirement, disability, wife's, husband's, or parent's benefits terminate when the beneficiary dies. The states furnish death certificate information to SSA via the manual registration process or the Electronic

Death Registration Process (EDR). Both death match processes are electronic transfers between the states and SSA. The respondents are the states' bureaus of vital statistics.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average cost per record request	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)**	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)***
State Death Match CyberFusion/GSO: Non-EDR Records from EDR sites	39	68,621	2,676,219	\$0.88	\$2,355,072	** \$21.09	*** \$1,447,217
State Death Match CyberFusion/GSO: Non-EDR sites	5	187,570	937,850	0.88	825,308	** 21.09	*** 3,955,851
Total: Non-EDR	44	.....	.....	.....	3,180,380	.....	5,403,068
State Death Match—EDR	48	2,573,956	123,549,888	2.05	253,277,270	** 21.09	*** 54,284,732
States Expected to Become—State Death Match—EDR Within the Next 3 Years	5	62,600	313,000	3.17	992,210	** 21.09	*** 1,320,234
Totals: EDR and Expected EDR	53	.....	.....	.....	254,269,480	.....	*** 55,604,966
Grand Totals	97	.....	.....	.....	257,449,860	.....	*** 61,008,034

* Please note that both of these data matching processes are electronic and there is only a cost burden, and no hourly burden for the respondent to provide this information.

** We based this figure on the average State BVSs hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes434199.htm>).

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Dated: December 22, 2020.

Naomi Sipple,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11293]

Notice of Charter Renewal for the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation has renewed its charter for a period of two years. This Advisory Committee will continue to make recommendations to the Historian and the Department of State on all aspects of the Department's program to publish the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series as well as on the Department's responsibility under statute (22 U.S.C. 4351, *et seq.*) to open its 25-year old and older records for public review at the National Archives and Records Administration. The Committee consists of nine members drawn from among historians, political scientists, archivists, international lawyers, and other social scientists who are distinguished in the field of U.S. foreign relations.

Questions concerning the Committee and the renewal of its Charter should be directed to Adam M. Howard, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, 2300 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20372 (Navy Potomac Annex), telephone (202) 955-0214 (email history@state.gov).

The Charter was renewed on December 16, 2020.

For further information about the Board, please contact Adam Howard, Executive Secretary, Office of the Historian at History@state.gov.

Renee A. Goings,

Deputy Director, Office of the Historian, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11292]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation—Notice of Closed and Open Meetings for 2021

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation

will meet on March 1–2, June 14–15, August 30–31, and December 6–7, 2021, in open session to discuss unclassified matters concerning declassification and transfer of Department of State records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the status of the *Foreign Relations* series. It is assumed that the public portions of these meetings will not need to be held virtually because of concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. However, should that change based on guidance from public health authorities, the Department will notify those who have RSVP'd.

The Committee will meet in open session from 11:00 a.m. until noon in SA-4D Conference Room 109, Department of State, 2300 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20372 (Potomac Navy Hill Annex), on all four dates. RSVP and requests for reasonable accommodation for each meeting should be sent as directed below:

- March 1, not later than February 22, 2021.
- June 14, not later than June 7, 2021.
- August 30, not later than August 23, 2021.
- December 6, not later than November 29, 2021.

Closed Sessions. The Committee's sessions in the afternoon of Monday, March 1, 2021; in the morning of Tuesday, March 2; in the afternoon of Monday, June 14, 2021; in the morning of Tuesday, June 15, 2021; in the afternoon of Monday, August 30, 2021; in the morning of Tuesday, August 31, 2021; in the afternoon of Monday, December 6, 2021; and in the morning of Tuesday, December 7, 2021, will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the *Foreign Relations* series and other declassification issues. These are matters properly classified and not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

RSVP Instructions. Prior notification and a valid government-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, U.S. Government or military ID) are required for entrance into the Department of State building. Members of the public planning to attend the open meetings should RSVP, by the dates indicated above, to Julie Fort, Office of the Historian (202-955-0214). When responding, please provide date of birth, valid government-issued photo identification number and type (such as driver's license number/state, passport

number/country, or U.S. Government ID number/agency or military ID number/branch), and relevant telephone numbers. If you cannot provide one of the specified forms of ID, please consult with Julie Fort for acceptable alternative forms of picture identification.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Security-Records-STATE-36.pdf>, for additional information.

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Adam M. Howard, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC 20372, telephone (202) 955-0214, (email history@state.gov).

Note that requests for reasonable accommodation received after the dates indicated in this notice will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

Renee A. Goings,

Deputy Director, Office of the Historian, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0160]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of a Currently-Approved Information Collection: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the information collection request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to