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Issued in Washington, DC.

**K. Jane Williams,**  
*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Form 15227

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice; supplement.

**SUMMARY:** The IRS published a document in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2020, concerning requests for comments on Form 15227. This form does not require an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number, further public comments are not being solicited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, at (202) 317-5753, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov](mailto:Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IRS published a document at 85 FR 55579 in the **Federal Register** of September 8, 2020, concerning requests for comments on Form 15227. Under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1), the form does not require an OMB control number, further public comments are not being solicited.

Approved: December 16, 2020.

**Chakenna B. Clemons,**  
*Supervisory Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Internal Revenue Service Request for the Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before February 5, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Molly Stasko by emailing [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov), calling (202) 622-8922, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

**Title:** Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan.

**OMB Control Number:** 1545-1610.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Description:** The Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan is an annual information return filed by employee benefit plans. The IRS uses this information for a variety of matters, including ascertainment whether a qualified retirement plan appears to conform to requirements under the Internal Revenue Code or whether the plan should be audited for compliance. Form 5500-EZ (OMB Number: 1545-0956) is an annual return filed by a one participant (owners/partners and their spouses) retirement plan or a foreign plan to satisfy certain annual reporting and filing requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The IRS uses this data to determine if the plan appears to be operating properly as

required under the Code or whether the plan should be audited. The revisions to the collection are: not releasing Form 5500-SUP; adding a checkbox to Form 5500, 5500-SF, and Form 5500-EZ for an initial plan retroactively adopted as permitted by SECURE Act section 201; and adding checkboxes for an extension of time to Form 5500-EZ.

**Form:** 5500 and Schedules.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit organization, Individuals and Households, and Not-for-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 929,000.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:** 929,000.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 934,830 hours.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: December 31, 2020.

**Molly Stasko,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2, that a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2021, via WebEx. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Eastern daylight time. The meeting will have an open session from 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and a closed session from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The JBL/CS provides expert review of the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission-relevance of investigator-initiated research applications submitted for VA merit review consideration and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies.

The purpose of the open session is to meet with the JBL/CS Service Directors to discuss the overall policies and process for scientific review, as well as disseminate information among the Board members regarding the VA research priorities.

The purpose of the closed session is to provide recommendations on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research applications submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Applications submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research. The JBL/CS SMRB meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research applications, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research applications. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each application and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research applications. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Members of the public who wish to attend the open JBL/CS SMRB meeting should join via WebEx at: Meeting number (access code): 199 200 0800, meeting password: 2cZMnrsy?36. <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=ma78d899af04fa76dfb51da583d406ef3>. Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Pauline Cilladi-Rehrer, MSBA, Designated Federal Officer, (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at 202–443–5607 or at [Pauline.Cilladi-Rehrer@va.gov](mailto:Pauline.Cilladi-Rehrer@va.gov).

Dated: December 30, 2020.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**  
*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Allowance for Private Purchase of an Outer Burial Receptacle in Lieu of a Government-Furnished Graveliner for a Grave in a VA National Cemetery

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is updating the monetary allowance payable for qualifying interments that occur during calendar year (CY) 2021, which applies toward the private purchase of an outer burial receptacle (or “graveliner”) for use in a VA national cemetery. The allowance is equal to the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners less any VA administrative costs. The purpose of this notice is to notify interested parties of the average cost of Government-furnished graveliners; administrative costs that relate to processing and paying the allowance; and the amount of the allowance payable for qualifying interments that occur during CY 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Carter, Chief of Budget Execution Division, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. The telephone number is 202–461–9764 (this is not a toll-free number).

**DATES:** This notice is effective January 1, 2021.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2306(e)(3) and (4) to provide a monetary allowance for the private purchase of an outer burial receptacle for use in a VA national cemetery where its use is authorized. The allowance for qualified interments that occur during CY 2021 is the average

cost of Government-furnished graveliners in fiscal year (FY) 2020, less the administrative cost incurred by VA in processing and paying the allowance in lieu of the Government-furnished graveliner.

The average cost of Government-furnished graveliners is determined by taking VA’s total cost during a fiscal year for single-depth graveliners that were procured for placement at the time of interment and dividing it by the total number of such graveliners procured by VA during that fiscal year. The calculation excludes both graveliners pre-placed in gravesites as part of the cemetery gravesite development projects and all double-depth graveliners. Using this method of computation, the average cost was determined to be \$381.00 for FY 2020.

The administrative cost is based on the costs incurred by VA during CY 2020 that relate to processing and paying an allowance in lieu of the Government-furnished graveliner. This cost has been determined to be \$9.00.

Therefore, the allowance payable for qualifying interments occurring during CY 2021, is \$372.00.

### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Brooks D. Tucker, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on December 31, 2020, for publication.

**Luvenia Potts,**

*Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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