Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to Form 5713, International Boycott Report

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden related to completing form 5713, International Boycott Report and the associated schedules.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 6, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: International Boycott Report. OMB Number: 1545–0216. Regulation Project/Form Number: Forms 5713 and Sch’s A, B, & C.

Abstract: Persons having operations in or related to countries which require participation in or cooperation with an international boycott may be required to report these operations on Form 5713.

Persons use Schedule A with Form 5713 to figure the international boycott factor to use in figuring the loss of tax benefits. Persons use Schedule B with Form 5713 to specifically attribute taxes and income to figure the loss of tax benefits.

Filers of Schedule A or B (Form 5713) use Schedule C to compute the loss of tax benefits from participation in or cooperation with an international boycott.

Current Actions: There is no change to the burden previously approved.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses, and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 667.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 42 hrs., 28 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 143,498.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
- 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.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using
appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: May 3, 2021.

Ronald J. Durbala,
IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Approval of a Licensing or Certification Test and Organization or Entity

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0697” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0697” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0697.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: SAAs and VA will use the information to decide whether the licensing and certification tests, and the organizations offering them, should be approved for use under the education programs VA administers.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,713 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 571.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,
VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the VA Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Working Group.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by June 7, 2021, no later than 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be emailed to VASECWorkgroup@va.gov.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret B. Kabat, LCSW–C, CCM, Senior Advisor for Families, Caregivers and Survivors, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420; Margaret.Kabat@va.gov; 202–577–4331. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Working Group responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

• Development of an action plan for addressing changes at all levels of VA to reduce instances of harassment and sexual assault;
• Development of standardized media for VA, Veterans Service Organizations and other stakeholders to use in print and on the internet to reduce sexual harassment and sexual assault; and
• Development of bystander intervention training for Veterans.

Authority: The Working Group was established pursuant to the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D., Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, Title V, Deborah Sampson, Subtitle III, Eliminating Harassment and Assault, Section 5303, Anti-harassment and anti-sexual assault policy of Department of Veterans Affairs, to advise the Secretary on specific VA policies to eliminate harassment and assault in VA facilities. By statute, this Working Group is not considered a Federal Advisory Committee and therefore is not subject to the rules under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Membership Criteria: The Working Group is requesting nominations for specific membership. As required by statute, the members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary, from the general public, including:

• Veterans Service Organizations; and
• State, local and Tribal Veterans agencies.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse