
In support of its petition, APTA notes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on social distancing, as well as avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces are expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future and that commuter railroads are still operating with much-reduced workforces as a result of COVID–19 (over 12,000 commuter rail employees have tested positive and/or self-quarantined over the last 17 months).

APTA requests that FRA extend the existing relief previously granted in FRA’s September 18, 2020, letter for one year.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov (Docket Number FRA–2020–0060).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at https://www.transportation.gov/privacy. See also https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,
Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety,
Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2021–0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; National 911 Profile Database

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a request for extension of a currently-approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. NHTSA is requesting an extension of its information collection to continue to collect and aggregate information from State-level reporting entities that can be used to measure the progress of 911 authorities across the country in upgrading and enhancing their existing operations. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 19, 2021. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be submitted on or before September 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. To find this particular information collection, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment” or use the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Ms. Laurie Flaherty, Coordinator, National 911 Program, Office of Emergency Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, NPD–400, Room W44–322. Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Flaherty’s phone number is (202) 366–2705 and her email address is laurie.flaherty@dot.gov. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), a Federal agency must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it collects certain information from the public and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information by a Federal agency unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. In compliance with these requirements, this notice announces that the following information collection request will be submitted OMB.

Title: National 911 Profile Database.

OMB Control Number: 2127–0679.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Request: Request for extension of a currently-approved information collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Length of Approval Requested: Three years.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National 911 Program is housed within NHTSA’s Office of Emergency Medical Services, which has a mission to provide coordination in assessing, planning, developing, and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical services and 911 systems. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 942, Coordination of 911, E911, and Next Generation 911 implementation, the National 911 Program exists to coordinate 911 efforts, collect and create resources for State and local 911 agencies, and to oversee a grant program, specifically to upgrade the nation’s outdated 911 infrastructure.

NHTSA is requesting an extension of its information collection, carried out under 47 U.S.C. 942(a)[3](B), to continue to collect and aggregate information from State-level reporting entities that can be used to measure the progress of 911 authorities across the country in upgrading and enhancing their existing operations and migrating to more advanced—digital, internet-Protocol-enabled—emergency networks. The data will be maintained in a “National 911 Profile Database.” The National 911 Profile Database maintains State-specific and benchmarking data, which is later analyzed by the 911 Program for trends and findings. Collecting and sharing nationwide 911
The technology impacting 911 services continues to evolve substantially. Both public and private sectors have increasingly focused on addressing the need to upgrade and enhance the technology utilized by 911 services across the Nation. In addition, it is essential that emergency responders are able to coordinate and collaborate with 911 agencies via comprehensive and seamless emergency communication systems as they update their own part of the emergency communications network. This information collection supports efforts to upgrade 911 services by providing up-to-date information to State and local public safety entities to allow them to adequately gauge progress toward implementing more current and advanced 911 systems in a comparative fashion. While the National 911 Program will benefit from this information, it is anticipated that the greatest benefit will accrue to the State and local public safety community faced with the challenge of migrating to the next generation of 911 services and technology as they strive to respond to emergencies.

The National 911 Profile Database is used to follow the progress of 911 authorities in enhancing their existing systems and implementing next-generation networks to more current functionality. The data in this national profile has been used and will continue to be used to accurately measure and depict the current status and capabilities of 911 systems across the United States, as well as progress made in implementing advanced technologies and operations—known as Next Generation (NG) 911. Assessments, based upon the data collected, will help draw attention to key roadblocks as well as solutions in N911 implementation processes. Analysis of the data will also help target possible future activities and resources consistent with the goals of the program. The information collected will be available in aggregated form to national, Federal, State and local stakeholders in the public safety community. This information collection supports NHTSA’s mission to save lives, and to support 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and related State and local public safety agencies’ 911 technological and operational upgrades.

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2. Table 1 at https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecelc.c10.htm.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: There are no capital, start-up, or annual operation and maintenance costs involved in the collection of information. The respondents would not incur any reporting costs from the information collection beyond the labor costs associated with the burden hours to gather the information, prepare it for reporting and then populate the Web-based data collection tool. The respondents also would not incur any recordkeeping burden or recordkeeping costs from the information collection.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including 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.


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Nanda Narayanan Srinivasan, Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0178]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training

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 revised 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 revised 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 October 25, 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. 2900–0178” 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. 2900–0178” 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 VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’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.

Authority: Public Law 115–89 “Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform Act” (VALOR Act) was signed into law on November 21, 2017. Section 3 of this law amended 38 U.S.C. 3680(c) to eliminate the trainee’s certification requirement. As a result, this form is only completed, signed, and certified by the training establishment to report the trainee’s number of hours worked and/or to report the trainee’s date of termination. The form no longer requires the signature of the trainee. The form is then sent to the Regional Processing Office (RPO) for processing.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 214,794 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Twelve (12) Annually per Respondent.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 107,397.

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

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a virtual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will begin and end as follows:

10:00 a.m. EDT (12:00 p.m. Pacific Time), and will be conducted through Zoom, https://www.zoom.us/meeting registering in advance for this meeting will automatically provide you with your dial-in number.

Click for meeting information: https://www.va.gov/VA_OIG/Advisory-Committee-Open-Meeting-Notice-

Meeting Information: The meeting’s agenda includes the following:

1. Consider Approving the Committee's 2020 Annual Report; the draft of the 2020 Annual Report is available at https://www.va.gov/VA_OIG/Advisory-Committee-Open-Meeting-Notice-

2. Consider the Committee’s 2021 Agenda;

3. Consider the Committee’s 2021 Work Plan, which includes:

   a. Recommending a new disability compensation case;

   b. Considering recommendations to improve the processing of disability compensation claims;

   c. Developing strategies to improve the timeliness of disability compensation claims processing;

   d. Consideration of the impact of policy changes on the processing of disability compensation claims;

   e. Development of a framework for the collection and analysis of data related to the processing of disability compensation claims;

   f. Consideration of ways to improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims processing; and

   g. Consideration of ways to improve the transparency of disability compensation claims processing;

4. Consider any other business as appropriate;

5. Adjourn the meeting.