CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application Package for Childcare Benefit Forms

AGENCY: The Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) is proposing to renew an expiration on a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the ADDRESSES section by November 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: AmeriCorps, Attention: Courtney Russell, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the AmeriCorps mailroom at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

(3) Electronically through www.regulations.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. All written comments will be available for public inspection on regulations.gov.


Erin Dahlin, Chief of Program Operations.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If the Secretary selects an applicant for verification, the applicant’s Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) includes flags that indicate (1) that the applicant has been selected by the Secretary for verification and (2) the Verification Tracking Group in which the applicant has been placed. The Verification Tracking Group indicates which FAFSA information needs to be verified for the applicant and, if appropriate, for the applicant’s parent(s) or spouse. The Student Aid Report (SAR) provided to the applicant will indicate that the applicant’s FAFSA...
To help institutions and applicants deal with the challenges resulting from the novel coronavirus disease (COVID–19) pandemic, the Secretary has provided flexibilities to the verification regulations through the end of the first payment period that begins after the date that the COVID–19 national emergency is rescinded.

The following chart lists, for the 2022–2023 award year, the FAFSA information that an institution and an applicant and, if appropriate, the applicant’s parent(s) or spouse may be required to verify under 34 CFR 668.56. The chart also lists the acceptable documentation that must, under § 668.57, be provided to an institution for that information to be verified.

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<td>a. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)</td>
<td>(2) A transcript obtained at no cost from the IRS or other relevant tax authority of a U.S. territory (Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands) or commonwealth (Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands), or a foreign government that lists 2020 tax account information of the tax filer; or</td>
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<td>b. U.S. Income Tax Paid</td>
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| Income information for tax filers with special circum-
| stances:                                               | (1) For a student, or the parent(s) of a dependent student, who filed a 2020 joint income tax return and whose income is used in the calculation of the applicant’s expected family contribution and who at the time the FAFSA was completed was separated, divorced, widowed, or married to someone other than the individual included on the 2020 joint income tax return— |
| a. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)                         | (a) A transcript obtained from the IRS or other relevant tax authority that lists 2020 tax account information of the tax filer(s); or |
| b. U.S. Income Tax Paid                                | (b) A copy of the income tax return and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority that lists 2020 tax account information of the tax filer(s); and |
| c. Untaxed Portions of IRA Distributions and Pensions  | (c) A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of 2020 employment income received or an equivalent document.  |
| d. IRA Deductions and Payments                         | (2) For an individual who is required to file a 2020 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2020— |
| e. Tax Exempt Interest Income                          | (a) A copy of the IRS’s approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2020;  |
| f. Education Credits                                   | (b) Verification of nonfiling from the IRS dated on or after October 1, 2021;  |
|                                                        | (c) A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of 2020 employment income received or an equivalent document; and  |
|                                                        | (d) If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of AGI and U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2020.  |
|                                                        | Note: An institution may require that, after the income tax return is filed, an individual granted a filing extension beyond the automatic six-month extension submit tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, by obtaining a transcript from the IRS, or by submitting a copy of the income tax return and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS that lists 2020 tax account information. When an institution receives such information, it must be used to reverify the income and tax information reported on the FAFSA.  |
|                                                        | (3) For an individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft— |
|                                                        | (a) A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS; and  |
|                                                        | (b) A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS has been made aware of the tax-related identity theft.  |
|                                                        | Note: Tax filers may inform the IRS of the tax-related identity theft and obtain a TRDBV transcript by calling the IRS’s Identity Protection Specialized Unit (IPSU) at 1–800–908–4490. Unless the institution has reason to suspect the authenticity of the TRDBV transcript provided by the IRS, a signature or stamp or any other validation from the IRS is not needed.  |
|                                                        | (4) For an individual who filed an amended income tax return with the IRS, a signed copy of the IRS Form 1040X that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2020 or documentation from the IRS that include the change(s) made to the tax filer’s 2020 tax information, in addition to one of the following— |
|                                                        | (a) IRS Data Retrieval Tool information on an ISIR record with all tax information from the original 2020 income tax return;  |
|                                                        | (b) A transcript obtained from the IRS that lists 2020 tax account information of the tax filer(s); or  |
|                                                        | (c) A signed copy of the 2020 IRS Form 1040 and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS.  |
|                                                        | For an individual who has not filed and, under IRS or other relevant tax authority rules (e.g., the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, a U.S. territory or commonwealth or a foreign government), is not required to file a 2020 income tax return—  |
| Income information for nontax filers:                   |                                                                                     |
| Income earned from work                                 |                                                                                     |
FAFSA information

Acceptable documentation

(1) A signed statement certifying—
   (a) That the individual has not filed and is not required to file a 2020 income tax return;
   and
   (b) The sources of 2020 income earned from work and the amount of income from each
       source;

(2) A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of 2020 employment income received or an
    equivalent document; and

(3) Except for dependent students, verification of nonfiling from the IRS or other relevant tax
    authority dated on or after October 1, 2021.

Number of Household Members

A statement signed by the applicant and, if the applicant is a dependent student, by one of
the applicant’s parents, that lists the name and age of each household member for the 2022–
2023 award year and the relationship of that household member to the applicant.

Note: Verification of number of household members is not required if—
   • For a dependent student, the household size indicated on the ISIR is two and the par-
     ent is single, separated, divorced, or widowed, or the household size indicated on the
     ISIR is three if the parents are married or unmarried and living together; or
   • For an independent student, the household size indicated on the ISIR is one and the
     applicant is single, separated, divorced, or widowed, or the household size indicated on
     the ISIR is two if the applicant is married.

Number in College

(1) A statement signed by the applicant and, if the applicant is a dependent student, by one of
   the applicant’s parents listing the name and age of each household member, excluding the
   parents, who is or will be attending an eligible postsecondary educational institution as at
   least a half-time student in the 2022–2023 award year in a program that leads to a degree
   or certificate and the name of that educational institution.

(2) If an institution has reason to believe that the signed statement provided by the applicant
   regarding the number of household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary institutions
   is inaccurate, the institution must obtain documentation from each institution named by the
   applicant that the household member in question is, or will be, attending on at least a half-
   time basis unless—
      (a) The applicant’s institution determines that such documentation is not available be-
          cause the household member in question has not yet registered at the institution the
          household member plans to attend; or
      (b) The institution has documentation indicating that the household member in question
          will be attending the same institution as the applicant.

Note: Verification of the number of household members in college is not required if the num-
ber in college indicated on the ISIR is “1.”

Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

(1) An applicant must appear in person and present the following documentation to an institu-
tionally authorized individual to verify the applicant’s identity:
   (a) An unexpired valid government-issued photo identification such as, but not limited to,
       a driver’s license, non-driver’s identification card, other State-issued identification, or
       U.S. passport. The institution must maintain an annotated copy of the unexpired valid
       government-issued photo identification that includes—
          i. The date the identification was presented; and
          ii. The name of the institutionally authorized individual who reviewed the identifica-
             tion; and
   (b) A signed statement using the exact language as follows, except that the student’s
       identification number is optional if collected elsewhere on the same page as the state-
       statement:

       Statement of Educational Purpose

       I certify that I
       (Print Student’s Name)

       am

       the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student fi-
       nancial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the
       cost of attending

       (Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

       (Student’s Signature) (Date)

       (Student’s ID Number)

(2) If an institution determines that an applicant is unable to appear in person to present an
   unexpired valid government-issued photo identification and execute the Statement of Edu-
   cational Purpose, the applicant must provide the institution with—
   (a) A copy of an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification such as, but not lim-
       ited to, a driver’s license, non-driver’s identification card, other State-issued identification, or
       U.S. passport that is acknowledged in a notary statement or that is presented to a notary;
   and
   (b) An original notarized statement signed by the applicant using the exact language as fol-
       lows, except that the student’s identification number is optional if collected elsewhere on the
       same page as the statement:

       Statement of Educational Purpose

       I certify that I
       (Print Student’s Name)
Verification Requirements for Individuals Who Are Eligible for an Auto Zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Only the following FAFSA/ISIR information must be verified:

For dependent students—

• The parents’ AGI if the parents were tax filers;

• The parents’ income earned from work if the parents were nontax filers; and

• The student’s identity/statement of educational purpose, if selected.

For independent students—

• The student’s and spouse’s AGI if they were tax filers;

• The student’s and spouse’s income earned from work if they were nontax filers;

• The student’s identity/statement of educational purpose, if selected; and

• The number of household members to determine if the independent student has one or more dependents other than a spouse.

Note: Verification of nonfiling 4 from the IRS (or other relevant tax authority, if applicable) dated on or after October 1, 2021, must be provided for (1) independent students (and spouses, if applicable) and parents of dependent students who did not file and are not required to file a 2020 income tax return, and (2) individuals who are required to file a 2020 IRS income tax return but have not filed because they have been granted a tax filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for the 2020 tax year.

The individual FAFSA items that an applicant must verify are based upon the Verification Tracking Group to which the applicant is assigned as outlined in the following chart.

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1 This footnote applies, where applicable, whenever an income tax return, the applicable schedules, or transcript is mentioned in the above chart.

2 An individual who is required to submit an IRS Form W–2 or an equivalent document but did not maintain a copy should request a duplicate from the employer who issued the original or from the government agency that issued the equivalent document. If the individual is unable to obtain a duplicate W–2 or an equivalent document in a timely manner, the institution may permit that individual to provide a signed statement, in accordance with 34 CFR 668.57(a)(6), that includes—

(a) Copies of all IRS Form W–2s for each source of 2020 employment income or equivalent documents; or

(b) If the individual is self-employed or filed an income tax return with a government of a U.S. territory or commonwealth or a foreign government, a signed statement certifying the amount of AGI and income taxes paid for tax year 2020; and

(c) Documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority that indicates the individual’s 2020 tax account information cannot be located; and

(d) A signed statement that indicates the individual did not retain a copy of his or her 2020 tax account information.

3 An individual who was called up for active duty or for qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency, an institution must accept a statement from the individual certifying that he or she has not filed an income tax return or a request for a filing extension because of that service.

4 If an individual is unable to obtain verification of nonfiling from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and, based upon the institution’s determination, it has no reason to question the student’s or family’s good-faith effort to obtain the required documentation, the institution may accept a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain the verification of nonfiling from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain the required documentation.

5 An unexpired valid government-issued photo identification is one issued by the U.S. government, any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribe, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau.
Other Sources for Detailed Information

We provide a more detailed discussion on the verification process in the following resources:
• 2022–2023 Application and Verification Guide.
• 2022–2023 ISIR Guide.
• 2022–2023 SAR Comment Codes and Text.

These publications are on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals website at www.ifap.ed.gov.

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Michelle Asha Cooper, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery, OMB Control Number 1910–5160. This collection was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces DOE’s intent to submit this collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval and solicits comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before October 1, 2021. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–395–4718.