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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206-0034) was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2021 at 86 FR 36166, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

RI 30-2, Annuitant's Report of Earned Income, is used annually to determine if disability retirees under age 60 have earned income which will result in the termination of their annuity benefits under title 5, U.S.C. Sections 8337 and 8455. It also specifies the conditions to be met and the documentation required for a person to request reinstatement.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Annuitant's Report of Earned Income (*Paper Form*).

OMB Number: 3206-0034.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 21,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 12,250.

Title: Annuitant's Report of Earned Income (*Services Online (SOL)*).

Number of Respondents: 24,040.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,995.

Title: Annuitant's Report of Earned Income (*Electronic Form*).

Number of Respondents: 14,041.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2,340.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[OMB Control No. 3206-0262]

Submission for Review: Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on the renewal of a previously approved information collection. Standard Form 2812 (Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement), Standard Form 2812A (Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits by Enrollment Code), and OPM Form 1523 (Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 31, 2022.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments to the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or RIN for this document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Office of

Personnel Management, Chief Financial Office, Financial Services, 1900 E Street NW, Room 5478, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Yadira Vega, or sent by email to yadira.vega@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No. 3206-0176).

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. 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;
2. 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.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Standard Form 2812 (Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement), Standard Form 2812A (Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits by Enrollment Code), and OPM Form 1523 (Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report) are used to collect information from payroll providers regarding withholdings, in dollar amounts, for health and life insurance and retirement each pay period (SF 2812 and 2812A) and to collect information twice each year regarding the number of employees enrolled in the three benefit programs (OPM Form 1523).

Analysis

Agency: Trust Fund Management of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: (1) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits, Life Insurance and Retirement (Standard Form 2812); (2) Report of Withholdings and Contributions for Health Benefits by Enrollment Code (Standard Form 2812-A); (3) Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Report (OPM Form 1523).

OMB Number: 3206-0262.

Frequency: Semiannually for OPM Form 1523 and once-per-pay-period for Standard Form 2812 and Standard Form 2812–A.

Affected Public: Public Entities with Federal Employees and Retirees.

Number of Respondents: 5,200.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 Minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 2700.

Office of Personnel Management.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Employee’s Certification; OMB 3220–0140.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231a), provides for the payment of an annuity to the spouse or divorced spouse of a retired railroad employee. For the spouse or divorced spouse to qualify for an annuity, the RRB must determine if any of the employee’s current marriage to the applicant is valid.

The requirements for obtaining documentary evidence to determine valid marital relationships are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30 through 219.35. Section 2(e) of the RRA requires that an employee must relinquish all rights to any railroad employer service before a spouse annuity can be paid.

The RRB uses Form G–346, Employee’s Certification, to obtain the information needed to determine whether the employee’s current marriage is valid. Form G–346 is completed by the retired employee who is the husband or wife of the applicant for a spouse annuity. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–346 or Form G–346sum.

Consistent with 20 CFR 217.17, the RRB uses Form G–346sum, *Employee’s Certification Summary*, which mirrors the information collected on Form G–346, when an employee, after being

interviewed by an RRB field office representative “signs” the form using an alternative signature method known as “attestation.” Attestation refers to the action taken by the RRB field office representative to confirm and annotate the RRB’s records of the applicant’s affirmation under penalty of perjury that the information provided is correct and the applicant’s agreement to sign the form by proxy. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (86 FR 53120 on September 24, 2021) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Employee’s Certification.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0140.

Forms submitted: G–346 and G–346sum.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, spouses of retired railroad employees may be entitled to an annuity. The collection obtains information from the employee about the employee’s previous marriages, if any, to determine if any impediment exists to the marriage between the employee and his or her spouse.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G–346	3,300	5	300
G–346sum	2,260	5	188
Total	5,560	488

2. *Title and Purpose of information collection:* Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report; OMB 3220–0173.

Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231e) provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee’s survivors equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The lump-sum is not payable until

retirement benefits begin to accrue or the employee dies. Also, Section 4(a–1)(iii) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides that a railroad employee who is paid a separation allowance is disqualified for unemployment and sickness benefits for the period of time the employee would have to work to earn the amount of the allowance. The reporting requirements are specified in 20 CFR 209.14.

In order to calculate and provide payments, the Railroad Retirement

Board (RRB) must collect and maintain records of separation allowances and severance payments which were subject to Tier II taxation from railroad employers. The RRB uses Form BA–9, Report of Separation Allowance or Severance Pay, to obtain information from railroad employers concerning the separation allowances and severance payments made to railroad employees and/or the survivors of railroad employees. Employers currently have the option of submitting their reports on