

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 24, 2022, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine, resulting in the destruction of infrastructure and the disruption of daily life. Many exchange visitors from Ukraine dependent upon financial support originating in their home country have limited or no access to funds. Others may have difficulty returning home. To ameliorate hardship arising from lack of financial support and to facilitate these students' continued studies in the United States, in accordance with the Exchange Visitor Program Regulations, located in 22 CFR part 62, the Department's Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs has waived and/or modified certain provisions in § 62.23 with respect to an educational and cultural exchange program established pursuant to an arrangement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ukraine. The Department is establishing this temporary program to offer "Special Student Relief" to eligible Ukrainian exchange visitors in the College and University category. As described in detail below and with respect to Special Student Relief for eligible Ukrainian students, the Department temporarily waives and/or modifies the application of selected portions of the following sections of regulations governing the College and University Student category of the Exchange Visitor Program: Full Course of Study (§ 62.23(e)), Student Employment (§ 62.23(g), and Duration (§ 62.23(h)).

Individuals eligible for Special Student Relief, like those eligible for Temporary Protective Status (TPS), must have continuously resided in the United States since April 11, 2022. Special Student Relief with respect to program status and employment for J-1 Ukrainian students does not apply to Federal Work-Study jobs.

Regulations at § 62.23(e) enumerate the circumstances under which students (except student interns) are exempt from the "full course of study" requirement as defined in § 62.2. Because those circumstances do not include exigent circumstances such as war as an articulated exemption from the full course of study requirement, the Department temporarily waives § 62.23(e) for eligible Ukrainian students.

Regulations at § 62.23(g) enumerate the conditions that students (except student interns) must meet to engage in employment. With respect to Special Student Relief, the Department temporarily waives all subsections of § 62.23(g) except (g)(2)(i) and (iv). By retaining § 62.23(g)(2)(i), Ukrainian

students are required to remain in good academic standing at the post-secondary accredited academic institutions at which they are registered. By modifying § 62.23(g)(2)(iv), sponsors may grant advanced, written employment approval to last beyond the twelve months that the provision currently allows, *i.e.*, for the duration of the arrangement between the United States and Ukraine. Waiver and modification of these provisions allow eligible Ukrainian students to work on- or off-campus, for more than 20 hours a week, and for longer than twelve months.

Regulations at § 62.23(h) enumerate the conditions that exchange visitors must meet to retain their authorization to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program. For purposes of Special Student Relief, the Department modifies § 62.23(h)(1)(i)(A) to allow eligible Ukrainian students to pursue course work equivalent to half of the full course of study requirement as defined in § 62.2 and further explained in paragraph (e) of § 62.23. The Department similarly modifies § 62.23(h)(2)(i)(A) to allow eligible Ukrainian students to participate half-time in a prescribed course of study. In other words, degree-seeking students may limit their course work to half of their academic institutions' definition of a full-course of study. Similarly, non-degree-seeking students may reduce participation in their academic programs from full- to part-time.

The Department notes that the establishment of Special Student Relief does not alter the rules and requirements of accredited academic institutions. If, for example, an institution does not allow part-time participation in non-degree academic programs, students must negotiate flexible conditions with their institutions to overcome such rules and requirements. The temporary waiver and modification of Exchange Visitor Program regulations only address conditions that eligible Ukrainian exchange visitors must meet to be in status and comply with Exchange Visitor Program eligibility requirements.

Responsible Officers of academic institutions may authorize Special Student Relief for college and university students in J-1 status whose means of financial support from Ukraine has been disrupted, reduced, or eliminated due to the Russian invasion if they have continuously resided in the United States since April 11, 2022, and meet the reduced course load requirements set forth above. To authorize on-campus or off-campus employment for these students, Responsible Officers should update the students' records in the

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) by notating the following text in the "Remarks" field: "Special Student Relief work authorization granted until October 19, 2023." To authorize a reduced course load due to such employment, Responsible Officers should also note the "Comment" field in the SEVIS record with the following text: "reduced course load authorized." Responsible Officers should monitor students at the start of each term to confirm that students seeking to reduce their course loads intend to work more than 20 hours a week or that students who availed themselves of reduced course loads intend to continue to work more than 20 hours a week.

If the arrangement between the United States and Ukraine is terminated early or extended, Responsible Officers should update the Remarks field accordingly. Exchange visitors participating according to the waived and/or modified provisions at the time the arrangement ends may continue their current employment and course load through the end of the academic term during which the arrangement ends.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0100]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Application for Employment With the Federal Aviation Administration

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 24, 2023. The collection involves an automated application process for employment with the Federal Aviation

Administration. Applicants access an online form that is presented with requests for certain information. The information collected is necessary to determine basic eligibility for employment and potential eligibility for Veteran's Preference, Veteran's Readjustment Act, and People with Disability appointments. In addition, there are specific occupation questions that assist the FAA Office of Human Resource Management (AHR) in determining candidates' qualifications in order that the best-qualified candidates are hired for the many FAA occupations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by May 5, 2023.

**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:** Toni Main-Valentin by email at: [toni.main-valentin@faa.gov](mailto:toni.main-valentin@faa.gov); phone: 405-954-0870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0597.

*Title:* Application for Employment with the Federal Aviation Administration.

*Form Numbers:* Not applicable (electronic submission).

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:*

The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 24, 2023 (88 FR 4280). Under the provisions of Public Law 104-50, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is given the authority and the responsibility for developing and implementing its own personnel system without regard to most of the provisions of title 5, United States Code, exceptions being those concerning veteran's preference and various benefits.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) developed a suite of forms for use in automated employment processes: all under a single OMB approval. The FAA office of Human Resource Management, Human Resources (AHR) has the same OMB approval for its automated application for employment. By automating processes for employment application and the evaluation of candidates, AHR continues to markedly improve the service it provides to the public as well as its ability to locate and hire the best-qualified applicants. This automated process provides applicants the capability to receive on-line results immediately upon submitting their application questionnaires.

The Agency is requesting certain information necessary to determine basic eligibility for employment and potential eligibility for Veteran's Preference, Veteran's Readjustment Act, and People with Disability appointments. In addition, occupation specific questions assist AHR in determining candidates' qualifications in order that the best-qualified candidates are hired for the many FAA occupations. The system currently in use for this collection is the FAA Automated Vacancy Information Access Tool for Online Referral (AVIATOR). This system cannot be directly accessed. Applicants are transferred to the AVIATOR system from OPM's USAJOBS website during the application process.

*Respondents:* Over 180,000 U.S. citizens identified as applicants for employment with the Federal Aviation Administration.

*Frequency:* On occasion/as interested.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 180,000 hours.

Approximately 180,000 respondents will complete an application form on an as needed basis. Based on this sample size, it will take the average applicant approximately 1 hour to read the instructions and complete the form.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The estimated total burden is 180,000 hours annually.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; AMAC Aerospace Switzerland AG**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. On February 14, 2023, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of petition for exemption received from AMAC Aerospace Switzerland AG, and requested public comments. The Association of Flight Attendants and the Air Line Pilots Association, International requested additional time to comment on the exemption proposal. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the comment period to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before April 19, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2022-1802 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

*Privacy:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records