

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1140-0113]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection Activities; Comments Requested; Revision of a Previously Approved Collection; Licensing Questionnaire

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until May 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, contact: Jaclyn N. Wiltshire, Personnel Security Division, either by mail at U.S. Department of Justice, PSD—Room (1E-300), 99 New York Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20226, by email at *Niki.Wiltshire@atf.gov*, or telephone at 202-648-9260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information

are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 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;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- 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 submission of responses.

Abstract: The Licensing Questionnaire (ATF F 8620.44) is used to determine if a candidate for federal or contractor employment at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or his/her spouse or minor child, holds a financial interest in the alcohol, tobacco, firearms and/or explosives regulated industries, which may be in conflict with 5 CFR 3801, Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Justice. The proposed information collection (OMB 1140-0113) is being revised to make minor material changes to the form, such as removing the declination statement and

signature/date fields, and include a note clarifying that personal ownership of a firearm and a permit/license to carry a firearm are not considered holding a Federal Firearms License.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a previously approved collection.
2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Licensing Questionnaire.
3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* ATF Form 8620.44. Component: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.
4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond:* Affected Public: Individuals or households. The obligation to respond is voluntary.
5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 2,000 respondents will provide information to complete this form once annually, and it will take each respondent approximately 5 minutes to complete their responses.
6. *An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 167 hours, which is equal to 2,000 (total respondents) * 1 (# of response per respondent) * 0.08 (5 minutes).
7. *An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable:* \$0.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response (min)	Total annual burden (hours)
ATF Form 8620.44	2,000	1	2,000	5	167

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and

Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

Dated: March 15, 2024.
Darwin Arceo,
Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.
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