This information collection request may be viewed at *www.reginfo.gov.* Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website *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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0240.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0514]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain* to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting ''Department of Education'' under ''Currently Under Review,'' then check the ''Only Show ICR for Public Comment'' checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the ''View Information Collection (IC) List'' link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the ''View Supporting Statement and Other Documents'' link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, 202–453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0012.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,248.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 16,097.

Abstract: Section 487(c) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, requires that the Secretary of Education prescribe regulations to ensure that any funds postsecondary institutions receive under the HEA are used solely for the purposes specified in and in accordance with the provision of the applicable programs.

Part H, Subpart 3, Section 498 of the HEA of 1965, as amended, gives the Secretary the responsibility for determining qualifications of institutions of higher education to participate in programs under the HEA. To comply with this requirement Section 498(b) of the HEA specified that the Secretary prepare and prescribe a single application form. The Department of Education (the Department) developed the Application for Approval to Participate in the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs to comply with the statutory requirements of collecting necessary information under the HEA. An institution must use this Application to apply for approval to be determined to be eligible and if the institution wishes, to participate; to expand its eligibility; or to continue to participate in the Title IV programs. An institution must also use the Application to report certain required data as part of its recordkeeping requirements contained in the regulations under 34 CFR part 600 (Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended).

The Department uses the information reported on the Application in its determination of whether an institution meets the statutory and regulatory requirements. This request is for a revision of the current information collection.

Brian Fu,

Program and Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 25–1008; FR ID 322147]

Notice Debarment; Federal Lifeline Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the ''Bureau'') permanently debars Issa Asad from the federal Lifeline program (Lifeline Program) and all federal universal service support mechanisms.

DATES: Debarment commences on the date Mr. Issa Asad receives the debarment letter or December 17, 2025, whichever date comes first.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Sova, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Christopher Sova may be contacted by phone at (202) 418–1868 or by email at *Christopher.Sova@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau debars Mr. Asad from the federal Lifeline Program and all federal universal service support mechanisms pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Attached is the debarment letter, DA 25–1008, which was mailed to Mr. Asad and released on December 17, 2025. The complete text of the notice of debarment is available on the FCC's website at *https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-1008A1.pdf.*

Federal Communications Commission.

Christopher Sova,

Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau.

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Federal Communications Commission
Enforcement Bureau
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December 5, 2025

DA 25-1008

SENT VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Notice of Debarment, File No. EB-IHD-24-00037459

Dear Messrs. Asad and Feder:

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) hereby notifies you that, pursuant to Section 54.8 of the Commission's rules, Issa Asad is prohibited from participating in activities associated with or related to the federal Lifeline program (Lifeline program) and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms, commencing on either the date of Mr. Asad's receipt of this Notice of Debarment or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever comes first (Debarment Date).[1] Furthermore, as a condition of the administrative settlement between the FCC and Mr. Asad, Q Link Wireless LLC (Q Link) and Q Link's parent company, Quadrant Holdings Group, LLC (Quadrant), which was entered into on January 17, 2025 (Administrative Settlement),[2] Mr. Asad and Q Link ceased participating in any program administered by the FCC (in addition to the universal service programs) and agreed to debarment from participation in all such programs in the future.[3]

[1] 47 CFR 54.8 (e), (g); 47 CFR 0.111 (delegating to the Bureau authority to resolve universal service suspension and debarment proceedings). In 2007, the Commission extended the debarment rules to apply to all federal universal service support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program. *See Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, & Oversight*, Report and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 16372, 16410–12 (2007) (*Program Management Order*) (renumbering §54.521 of the universal service debarment rules as § 54.8 and amending subsections (a)(1), (a)(5), (c), (d), (e)(2)(i), (e)(3), (e)(4), and (g)).
[2] Settlement Agreement, Federal Communications Commission, Q Link Wireless LLC, Issa Asad, and Quadrant Holdings Group LLC (Jan. 17, 2025) (on file in EB-IHD-24-00037459) (Administrative Settlement).
[3] *United States v. Issa Asad*, Criminal Docket No. 1:24-cr–20363-RAR, Issa Asad's Sentencing Memo, at 23 (S.D. Fla., filed Jul. 17, 2025) (referencing Asad and Q Link's agreement in the Administrative Settlement to cease being federal telecommunication providers).

On November 8, 2024, the Bureau sent Mr. Asad a notice of suspension and initiation of debarment proceeding (*Notice of Suspension*) that was published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2024.[4] The *Notice of Suspension* suspended Mr. Asad from participating in or receiving any benefit associated with the Lifeline program as well as any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms.[5] It also described the basis for initiating the debarment proceeding against Mr. Asad, the applicable debarment procedures, and the effect of debarment.[6]

As discussed in the *Notice of Suspension*, on October 15, 2024, Mr. Asad pleaded guilty to a two count information.[7] Count 1 consisted of Mr. Asad pleading guilty to conspiring to commit offenses against the United States, specifically, a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1343 (wire fraud) and a violation of 18 U.S.C. 641 (theft of government funds), and conspiring to defraud the United States, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371.[8] Count 2 consisted of Mr. Asad pleading guilty to one count of money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1957, all in connection with the intentional submission of fraudulent claims for reimbursement from the federal Lifeline program.[9] Specifically, Mr. Asad and Q Link pleaded guilty to "purposely defraud[ing] two critical federal programs helping individuals and businesses suffering financial hardship, unlawfully taking hundreds of millions of dollars for [his] own use and profit, while obstructing the United States' ability to help people who. . . needed it."[10] Mr. Asad served as the Chief Executive Officer of Q Link beginning in 2012.[11] From 2013 to 2021, Mr. Asad personally amassed over $15,000,000 through fraudulent Lifeline schemes.[12] Pursuant to § 54.8(c) of the Commission's rules, Mr. Asad's conviction of criminal conduct in connection with the Lifeline program forms a key the basis for this debarment.[13]

Furthermore, on January 17, 2025, Mr. Asad entered into the Administrative Settlement, paragraph 15 of which provides as follows:

> Q Link and Mr. Asad warrant that consistent with the Suspension Notices and the Commission's suspension rules (47 CFR 54.8), Q Link and Mr. Asad have ceased participation in any program administered by the FCC, and the Companies agree that Q Link and Mr. Asad will not participate in any such programs administered by the Commission in the future. Consistent with this representation, Q Link and Mr. Asad agree not to contest their suspensions and proposed debarments under the Suspension Notices and agree to waive all rights under the Commission's Rules to challenge the suspensions and proposed debarments. The Companies also warrant that upon execution of this Agreement, Quadrant, and all other related companies, affiliates or subsidiaries, and any other company in which Mr. Asad has a controlling ownership interest will

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[4] Letter from Christopher J. Sova, Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Issa Asad, Chief Executive Officer, Q Link Wireless LLC, Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceeding, 89 Fed. Reg. 100485 (Dec. 12, 2024).
[5] *Id.*
[6] *Id.*
[7] *United States v. Issa Asad,* Criminal Docket No. 1:24-cr–20363-RAR, Plea Agreement (S.D. Fla., filed Oct. 15, 2024) (Plea Agreement).
[8] *See id.*.
[9] Any further reference in this letter to "conviction" refers to Q Link's guilty plea agreement and factual proffer. *See id.*; *see also Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656 (2012).
[10] Press Release, United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, Nationwide Telecommunications Provider and its CEO Plead Guilty to Massively Defrauding Federal Government Programs Meant to Aid the Needy (Oct. 15, 2024), https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/nationwide-telecommunications-provider-and-its-ceo-plead-guilty-massively-defrauding.
[11] We note that as of January 17, 2025 and simultaneously with entering into a settlement of administrative claims with the FCC, Mr. Asad resigned as CEO of Q Link, but retained his ownership interest in Q Link's parent company, Quadrant Holdings Group LLC. Mr. Asad is the Manager and Sole Member of Quadrant Holdings, of which Q Link is a wholly owned subsidiary. *See* Administrative Settlement, Section 12(f).
[12] *United States v. Issa Asad,* Criminal Docket No. 1:24-cr–20363-RAR, Factual Proffer, at 5 (S.D. Fla., filed Oct. 15, 2024).
[13] 47 CFR 54.8(c).

have ceased participating in any program administered by the FCC (including the receipt of any benefit associated with any such programs) and will not participate in such any programs administered by the FCC in the future.[14]

In accordance with the Commission's debarment rules, Mr. Asad was required to file with the Commission any opposition to the suspension or its scope, or to the proposed debarment or its scope, no later than 30 calendar days from either the date of Mr. Asad's receipt of the *Notice of Suspension* or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever date occurred first.[15] The Commission received no opposition from Mr. Asad and in fact Mr. Asad agreed in the Administrative Settlement not to contest the suspension or debarment.[16]

For the above reasons, Mr. Asad is debarred from involvement with the Lifeline program and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms, as well as any other program administered by the FCC, as of the Debarment Date.[17] Mr. Asad is excluded from participating in any activities associated with or related to the Lifeline program or any other program administered by the FCC, including the receipt of funds or discounted services through the Lifeline program or any other program administered by the FCC, or consulting with, assisting, or advising applicants or service providers regarding any such programs.[18] After review of the record (including the terms of the Administrative Settlement) and due to the egregious nature of the fraudulent activities that led to Mr. Asad's criminal conviction, the Commission has determined that this debarment will be permanent.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher J. Sova
Chief
Investigations and Hearings Division
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Fred Theobald, Universal Service Administrative Company (via e-mail)
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[14] Administrative Settlement at 13-14, para 15.
[15] 47 CFR 54.8 (e)(3)–(4). Any opposition had to be filed no later than January 13, 2025.
[16] Administrative Settlement at 13-14, para 15.
[17] 47 CFR 54.8(g). Pursuant to the Administrative Settlement, as noted, Q Link voluntarily agreed to be debarred permanently from involvement in any program administered by the FCC. Administrative Settlement at 13-14, para 15.
[18] 47 CFR 54.8(a)(1), (d), (g).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID 294179]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (''Privacy Act''), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (''FCC'' or ''Commission'' or ''Agency'') and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Florida Department of Children and Families. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before January 16, 2026. This computer matching program will commence on January 16, 2026, and will conclude after 18 months.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Shana Yates, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to *Privacy@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Yates at (202) 418–0683 or *Privacy@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided $3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional $14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC's Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (''National Verifier''), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants' eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive SNAP and Medicaid benefits administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Participating Agencies

Florida Department of Children and Families (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency); and Universal Service Administrative Company.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a) and (b). The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a) through (c), (j).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant's/subscriber's participation in SNAP and Medicaid in Florida. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security Number, date of birth, first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Florida Department of Children and Families which will respond either ''yes'' or ''no'' that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: SNAP and Medicaid administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28777 (Apr. 19, 2024).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28780 (Apr. 19, 2024).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12