

Antideficiency Act (ADA), Public Law 97–258, as amended (31 U.S.C. 1341, 1342), and Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) Opinions *Government Operations in the Event of a Lapse in Appropriations* (19 Op. O.L.C. 301, August 16, 1995), and *Effect of Appropriations for Other Agencies and Branches on the Authority to Continue Department of Justice Functions During the Lapse in the Department's Appropriations* (19 Op. O.L.C. 337, December 13, 1995), the OFR announces special procedures for agencies transmitting documents for publication in the **Federal Register** during a lapse in appropriations.

During an appropriations lapse, the OFR remains open to accept and process documents authorized to be published in the **Federal Register** in the absence of continuing appropriations. An agency wishing to transmit a document to the OFR during an appropriations lapse must attach an exception letter to the document which provides a justification and certifies that publication in the **Federal Register** is necessary. The OFR will only publish documents submitted during an appropriations lapse that meet an exception to the ADA, with sufficient justification that the document meets the ADA exception as provided by the publishing agency. This may include documents that directly relate to the performance of governmental functions necessary to address imminent threats to the safety of human life or protection of property (the ADA emergency exception) or that meet another exception to the ADA, as well as documents related to funded programs if delaying publication until the end of the appropriations lapse would prevent or significantly damage the execution of funded functions at the agency. It is the responsibility of the agency submitting a document for publication to include an exception letter that provides justification and certifies that the document is authorized under the ADA; the OFR does not provide this justification for the submitting agency. This certification provides OFR with documentation that publication in the **Federal Register** is a function or service excepted under the ADA.

Executive branch agencies and offices should use the template for the exception letter available on the OFR website at www.archives.gov/federal-register/agencies/shutdown-faqs. Legislative and judicial branch offices may use the template letter as a guide.

Special handling requests should be included in the exception letter. Do not submit two separate letters.

Documents received and scheduled for publication before the appropriations lapse began are not required to meet an ADA exception.

For final rule documents that contain incorporation by reference (IBR), agencies must submit a separate request for IBR approval as per normal procedure, and must include sufficient justification that the rule document meets an exception to the ADA when submitting the IBR request. The OFR will not review an IBR request that does not include a sufficient justification. Requests without a sufficient justification will be held until the appropriations lapse is ended.

The OFR may suspend the regular publication schedule during an appropriations lapse to permit a limited number of excepted personnel to process excepted documents. Agency officials will be informed as to the schedule for filing and publishing individual documents.

The OFR has posted frequently asked questions and the excepted letter template on the following website: www.archives.gov/federal-register/agencies/shutdown-faqs.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 1502; 1 CFR 2.4 and 5.1.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–26–0034; NARA–2026–006]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on regulations.gov for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

DATES: We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by March 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-26-0034/document>.

This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on regulations.gov. You may submit comments by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for comment. Each schedule has a ‘comment’ button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on regulations.gov and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

If you are unable to comment via regulations.gov, you may email us at request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule’s entry in the list at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Green, Records Management Operations, by email at richard.green@nara.gov or at 301–395–7825. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at request.schedule@nara.gov or by phone at 301–395–7825.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule. We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the regulations.gov docket for this notice as “other” documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records

at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact *request.schedule@nara.gov* for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on *regulations.gov* a “Consolidated Reply” summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA’s approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified

period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records’ administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government’s activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist’s consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Justice, Newspaper Preservation Act Records (DAA–0060–2024–0001).
2. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Office of Academic Affiliation (OAA) (DAA–0015–2024–0007).
3. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, The Suicide Data Repository (SDR) (DAA–0015–2022–0002).
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Web Content Management System (DAA–0442–2025–0001).
5. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Official Communications, Actions, Decisions, and Guidance (DAA–0180–2024–0001).
6. Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Countermeasure Database (CMDB) (DAA–0446–2026–0001).
7. United States Capitol Police, Budget Estimates, Justifications, Submission and Memorial Funds Records (DAA–0603–2024–0004).
8. United States Coast Guard, Cyber Protection Team (CPT) Analysis Data (DAA–0026–2022–0001).

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Renewal of Agency Information Collections for Comments Request: Proposed Collections

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 3, 2026 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the information collection to Dacia Rogers, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Suite 6070; Fax No. (703) 519–8161; or email at *PRACComments@NCUA.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submission may be obtained by contacting Dacia Rogers at (703) 518–6547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 3133–0024.
Title: Mergers of Federally-Insured Credit Unions; Voluntary Termination or Conversion of Insured Status, 12 CFR 708b.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Federal Credit Union Act requires written approval of the NCUA Board before one or more federally-insured credit unions merge or before a federally-insured credit union converts to nonfederal (private) share insurance or terminates federal share insurance and authorizes the NCUA Board to prescribe rules regarding mergers of federally-insured credit unions and changes in insured status. Part 708b of NCUA’s rules sets forth the procedural and disclosure requirements for mergers of federally-insured credit unions, conversions from federal share insurance to nonfederal insurance, and federal share insurance terminations.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,352.

OMB Number: 3133–0163.
Title: Privacy of Consumer Financial Information, Regulation P, 12 CFR part 1016.