

## Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

## Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

## The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

### § 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**Airbus Helicopters:** Docket No. FAA–2026–1337; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01289–R.

#### (a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by April 9, 2026.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Model H160–B helicopters, certificated in any category.

#### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 2562, Emergency Locator Beacon.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of a fully discharged personal locator beacon (PLB) battery installed on an emergency life-raft system (ELRS), as well as a report where the ropes connecting the two ELRS to the PLB were not correctly attached. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent operational failure of the PLB. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in delayed arrival of rescue services and timely medical assistance to injured crew members or passengers during an emergency use of the life-raft.

#### (f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

#### (g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2025–0162, dated July 29, 2025 (EASA AD 2025–0162).

#### (h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2025–0162

(1) Where EASA AD 2025–0162 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where EASA AD 2025–0165 requires compliance in terms of flight hours, this AD requires using hours time-in-service.

(3) Where the material referenced in EASA AD 2025–0162 specifies a "new", this AD requires replacing that text with "new (never installed) part".

(4) This AD does not adopt the "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2025–0162.

#### (i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2025–0162 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not require that action.

#### (i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve

AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

#### (j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Steven Warwick, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (817) 222–5225; email: [Steven.R.Warwick@faa.gov](mailto:Steven.R.Warwick@faa.gov).

#### (k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2025–0162, dated July 29, 2025.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: [ADS@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADS@easa.europa.eu); website: [easa.europa.eu](http://easa.europa.eu). You may find the EASA material on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations) or email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov).

Issued on February 19, 2026.

**Steven W. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 15 CFR Part 50

[Docket Number: 260202–0037]

RIN 0607–AA65

#### Age Search Service Fee Structure

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Census Bureau provides an Age Search service of confidential records from the 1910 to 2020 decennial censuses and can issue an official transcript of the results to authorized individuals. With this rule, the Census Bureau is proposing to increase the fee for conducting an Age Search from \$65.00 to \$155.00. The Census Bureau is also proposing to increase the additional charge for expedited requests requiring search results within one day from \$20.00 per case to \$50.00 per case. These changes are needed to reflect the actual operating costs associated with processing an Age Search request which were last revised in 2004.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit comments to the Census Bureau by any of the following methods:

- Visit the *Regulations.gov* website at <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the Docket Number USBC–2025–0005. Please follow the instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Email: [fld.decennial.oversight@census.gov](mailto:fld.decennial.oversight@census.gov). You must include “Docket Number USBC–2025–0005” in the subject line of your message.

- Mail: Deputy Director, National Processing Center, U.S. Census Bureau, 1201 East 10th Street, Building 63A DO, Jeffersonville, IN 47132.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact the Age Search service help line by telephone at 812–218–3046, or by mail at U.S. Census Bureau, P.O. Box 1545, Jeffersonville, IN 47131.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Age Search allows individuals to request transcripts of their confidential census records before they are released to the public. Historically, these records have been used by people who may not have had a birth certificate to prove their age as statewide registration and reporting of births did not happen consistently in all states until the early 1930s.

The Age Search census transcript provides proof of age to qualify individuals for Social Security or other retirements benefits; secondary proof of citizenship to apply for passports;<sup>1</sup> proof of family relationships for documentation related to rights of inheritance; or to satisfy other situations where a birth certificate is required but

not available. Individuals may request the Age Search service to access their own records. Census information is confidential and ordinarily will not be furnished to another person unless the person to whom it relates authorizes this on the application or if the record requested is that of a minor child, mentally incompetent person, or deceased person. In the latter two cases, the application must be accompanied by additional documentation, such as court orders naming the legal representative. The censuses in custody of the Census Bureau are confidential and protected from disclosure by 13 U.S.C. 9. No transcript of any record will be furnished that would violate statutes requiring that information furnished to the Census Bureau be held confidential and not used to the detriment of the person to whom it relates.

The Age Search service is designed to be a self-supporting operation, conducted in accordance with 13 U.S.C. 8(a). Under this statute, all expenses incurred in the retrieval of personal information from decennial census records and the preparation of decennial census transcripts are intended to be covered by fees paid by individuals who request this service. To help maintain the self-supporting financial status of this service as operating costs increase, the Census Bureau proposes an update to the August 2004 rule, 04–17359 (69 FR 45579), for the fee structure.

**Program Requirements**

The Census Bureau proposes the following amendment to 15 CFR part 50:

- Amend 15 CFR 50.5 to update the fee structure for age search and citizenship information. The Census Bureau proposes increasing the fee structure for searches of one census for one person and producing one transcript from \$65.00 to \$155.00. The Census Bureau also proposes increasing the additional charge per case for expedited requests requiring search results within one day from \$20.00 to \$50.00. The new fee structure was calculated using 1,614 average annual requests, the 2 hours on average needed to process each request, and the 2025 hourly rates of the two GS–5 employees who currently respond to these requests.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certifies to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this proposed rule, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Most, if not all, respondents affected by the proposed fee increase are

individuals, not small or large businesses. Those businesses who will be affected will only be impacted minimally. The projected number of individual Age Search cases is 1,614 for fiscal year 2025.

A unique characteristic of the Age Search service is its self-supporting design. Congress passed a law in 1954 that stipulated that this service be funded by the individuals requesting the service (13 U.S.C. 8[a]). The National Processing Center does not receive any federal appropriations or tax monies for the Age Search service. Consequently, the searching process of the census records and associated operating costs are designed to be funded by the fees received with the applications.

Due to increases in operating costs since the last Age Search fee increase in 2004, and to help maintain the self-supporting financial status, it has become necessary to propose a fee increase. The Census Bureau proposes increasing the fee structure for searches of one census for one person and producing one transcript from \$65.00 to \$155.00. The Census Bureau also proposes increasing the additional charge per case for expedited requests requiring search results within one day from \$20.00 to \$50.00. These changes are being made to reflect the actual operating costs associated with processing an Age Search request. The new fee structure was calculated using the average annual number of requests, the average number of hours needed to process each request, and the 2025 hourly rates of the employees responding to the requests.

**Executive Orders**

This rule has been determined to be significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866. This rule does not contain policies with federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132. This rule is not expected to be an E.O. 14192 regulatory action because it does not impose any more than de minimis regulatory costs.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice also announces the Census Bureau’s intent to reinstate an expired information collection under OMB Control Number 0607–0117. To access a copy of the expired collection, including all supporting materials, please see [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) and type in the OMB Control Number.

This proposed rule makes changes to the collection, including:

<sup>1</sup> See guidance provided by the U.S. Department of State at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/citizenship-evidence.html>.

- A decrease in burden from 531 hours to 353.4 hours due to fewer annual respondents.

- A fee structure change per the changes proposed in the rule.

In addition, the Census Bureau is proposing to make minor updates to the forms such as adding the 2020 Census as a choice for a census record search.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this rule. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure and will be available via <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We are soliciting comments from the public concerning our information collection and recordkeeping requirements. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 information collection on those who are to respond.

*Estimate of burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 minutes per response.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,920.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 1,920.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 353.4 hours.

(Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

#### List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 50

Census data, Population census, Statistics.

George M. Cook, Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Director of the Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

For reasons set out in the preamble, the Census Bureau proposes to amend 15 CFR part 50 as follows:

#### PART 50—SPECIAL SERVICES AND STUDIES BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

■ 1. The authority citation for 15 CFR Part 50 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1525–1527; and 13 U.S.C. 3 and 8.

■ 2. Revise § 50.5 to read as follows:

##### § 50.5 Fee structure for age search and citizenship information.

Type of service	Fee
Searches of one census for one person and one transcript .....	\$155.00
Each additional copy of census transcript .....	2.00
Each full schedule requested <sup>1</sup> .....	10.00

<sup>1</sup>The \$10.00 for each full schedule requested is in addition to the \$155.00 transcript fee.

**Note:** An additional charge of \$50.00 per case is charged for expedited requests requiring search results within one day.

Dated: February 18, 2026.

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*Program Analyst, Policy Coordination Office, U.S. Census Bureau.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

##### 30 CFR Part 250

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RIN 1014–AA63

##### Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Revisions to the 2023 Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior (DOI or Department), through the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), is revising certain regulatory provisions published in the 2023 final well control rule for drilling, workover, completion, and decommissioning operations. BSEE is proposing revisions to clarify certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements. This rule would reduce duplicative submissions and provide

consistency and clarity of information available for BSEE review.

**DATES:** To ensure your comments are considered, BSEE must receive your comments on this proposed rule by March 25, 2026. BSEE may not fully consider comments received after this date. Though this proposed rule does not affect the currently approved information collection, you may submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the information collection burden under control number 1014–0028 by March 25, 2026. The deadline for comments on the information collection burden does not affect the deadline for the public to comment to BSEE on the proposed regulations.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the proposed rulemaking by any of the following methods. Please use the regulation identifier number (RIN) 1014–AA63 as an identifier in your message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry entitled, Enter Keyword or ID, enter BSEE–2026–0100 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. BSEE may post all comments submitted.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166. Please reference “Revisions to the 2023 Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule, 1014–AA63” in your comments and include your name and return address.

*Public Availability of Comments—* Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. In order for BSEE to withhold from disclosure your personal identifying information, you must identify any information contained in your comment submittal that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of your personal privacy. You must also briefly describe any possible harmful consequence(s) of the disclosure of the information, such as embarrassment, injury, or other harm. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we