

or recommendations for the planning, design, and physical infrastructure needs are necessary.

As part of this research effort, the FAA will obtain responses from stakeholders, in the form of in-person or virtual interviews or written responses, with representatives from the following organizations: airports, droneports, private entities, original equipment manufacturers, UAS industry vendors, the military, international aviation community, and academia. The FAA will ask the stakeholders a specific set of questions, and if necessary, fact-specific follow-up questions will be posed to clarify and enhance the respondent's answers to the specified set of questions. The purpose of this outreach will be to catalog and inventory current and prospective droneports and gather key insights from these operators. In addition, the research team will document stakeholder's experiences/lessons learned with integrating or operating UAS at airports and independent droneport operations.

The results from this research effort will be summarized in a final report and will be used to shape the FAA's operational evaluations and possible development of standards and guidance documents pertaining to planning, design, and physical infrastructure needs, as well as safety standards, for fixed-wing and rotary operations. This effort will focus on both UAS with weights lower than 55 pounds (*i.e.*, small UAS) and UAS aircraft weighing 55 pounds or more (and include operational considerations for cargo transport). Both fixed wing and rotary operations will be considered to create a baseline understanding before establishing infrastructure design requirements and safety standards for existing and standalone facilities referred to as a droneport.

Respondents: Approximately 100 airport operators, droneport operators, original equipment manufacturers, private entities, UA industry vendors, representatives of the military, the international aviation community, and academia.

Frequency: Information will be collected one to two times annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 2.5 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 250 hours

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2025-0556]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection Request: Unified Registration System, FMCSA Registration/Updates

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. FMCSA requests approval to renew the previously approved ICR now titled "Unified Registration System, FMCSA Registration/Updates," OMB Control No. 2126-0051. This ICR applies to new registrants seeking initial registration and operating authority registration from FMCSA. New registrants seeking to register with FMCSA must use online Form MCSA-1, accessible via the Unified Registration System (URS).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey Secrist, Office of Registration, Chief, Registration Division, DOT, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 385-2367; jeff.secrist@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Unified Registration System, FMCSA Registration/Updates.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0051.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: Carrier compliance officer or equivalent from transportation entities subject to FMCSA's licensing, registration, and certification regulations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 549,782 (183,261 per year).

Estimated Time per Response: 1.34 hours.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2026.

Frequency of Response: One-time information collection.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 736,708 hours (245,569 per year).

Background

FMCSA registers for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities and of passengers, under 49 U.S.C. 13902(a); surface freight forwarders, under 49 U.S.C. 13903; property brokers, under 49 U.S.C. 13904; and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers, under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c). These motor carriers may conduct transportation services in the United States only if they are registered with FMCSA. Each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary of Transportation determines by regulations.

The final rule titled "Unified Registration System," (78 FR 52608) dated August 23, 2013, implemented statutory provisions for an online registration system for entities that are subject to FMCSA's licensing, registration, and certification regulations. URS streamlines the registration process and serves as a clearinghouse and repository of information on motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, intermodal equipment providers, hazardous materials safety permit applicants, and cargo tank facilities required to register with FMCSA. When developing URS, FMCSA planned that the OP-1 series of forms (except for OP-1(MX)) would ultimately be folded into one overarching form (MCSA-1), which would be used by all motor carriers seeking authority.

FMCSA began a phased rollout of URS in 2015. The first phase, which became effective on December 12, 2015, impacts only first-time applicants seeking an FMCSA-issued registration. FMCSA had planned subsequent rollout phases for existing registrants; however, these subsequent phases have not yet been finalized.

On January 17, 2017, FMCSA issued a final rule titled "Unified Registration System; Suspension of Effectiveness,"

which indefinitely suspended URS effectiveness dates for existing registrants only (82 FR 5292). Pursuant to this final rule, FMCSA is still accepting forms OP-1, OP-1(P), OP-1(FF), and OP-1(NNA) for existing registrants wishing to apply for additional authorities. Separately, FMCSA requires Form OP-1(MX) for Mexico-domiciled carriers that wish to operate beyond the U.S. municipalities on the U.S.-Mexico border and their commercial zones.

As described above, only first-time applicants seeking an FMCSA-issued registration must apply via URS, using Form MCSA-1. Under URS, all forms described in the current ICR, except OP-1(MX), are folded into Form MCSA-1. Information collection activities associated with the OP-1 series of forms are covered under a different ICR, titled "Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority," OMB Control No. 2126-0016.

Form MCSA-1 requests information to identify the applicant, the nature and scope of its proposed operations, safety-related details, and information regarding the drivers and vehicles it plans to use in U.S. operations. FMCSA and the States use registration information collected via Form MCSA-1 to track motor carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and other entities they regulate. Registering motor carriers is essential to being able to identify carriers so that their safety performance can be tracked and evaluated. The data make it possible to link individual CMVs to the responsible motor carrier, thus implementing the mandate under 49 U.S.C. 31136(a)(1); that is, ensuring that CMVs are maintained and operated safely. In general, registration information collected via Form MCSA-1 informs prioritization of the Agency's activities and aids in assessing and statistically analyzing the safety outcomes of those activities.

The current information collection supports the DOT Strategic Goal of Safety. It streamlines registration processes and ensures that FMCSA can more efficiently track motor carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and other entities regulated by the Agency.

On November 17, 2025, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this ICR (90 FR 51436). The comment period closed on January 16, 2026.

There were no comments submitted in response to that notice.

Public Comments Invited

You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0923]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Request for Restoration of Entitlement Due to Facility Closure, Program of Training or Course Disapproval (Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by April 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain,

select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments", then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-0923."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Form 28-10281, Request for Restoration of Entitlement Due to Facility Closure, Program of Training or Course Disapproval (Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0923
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 28-10281 is used by a Service member or Veteran to request restoration of entitlement due to effects of a facility closure or program of training or course disapproval. The VR&E program subsequently uses the information on this form to determine if a Service member or Veteran qualifies for restoration of entitlement under 38 U.S.C 3699 (b)(1)(A). Without the information, restoration of entitlement under Chapter 31 could not be determined. Veterans and Service members are able to access and complete the VA Form 28-10281 by using the VA Forms external website "Find a Form" and submit the completed and signed form one of the following ways: by mail, email to their assigned Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC), in-person to a VA Regional Office, or VR&E out-based location. The Veteran or Service member receives a notification letter if their request for restoration of entitlement is granted or denied by their assigned VRC.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 24,105 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 144,630.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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