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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity: VA All Employee Survey (AES)

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program-specific information: Rebecca Mimmall, 202–695–9434, vhacopra@va.gov.

VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202–461–1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: VA All Employee Survey (AES), 10–200.

OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>. (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: Legal authority for this data collection is found under 5 CFR part 250, subpart C, stating that executive agencies must conduct an annual employee survey to assess leadership, management practices, and employee satisfaction. This section authorizes the collection of data, the goal of which is to improve agency efforts toward the mission to provide health care services and benefits to Veterans. The regulation is mandated by Public Law 108–136, Section 1128, which addresses Other Federal Government Civilian Personnel Matters and Employee Surveys.

The All Employee Survey (AES) is an annual, voluntary, census survey of the VA workforce. Data will be used to support a range of VA efforts from action planning to serving as a feedback tool from employees to leadership. The aggregate data from ten required questions in the “AES Core Items” section of the survey will be reported by VA to OPM as part of their Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS). OPM has directed that all Federal agencies will report the compiled results of these ten questions for the FEVS. Additional assessments targeted at specific VA employee groups are included in the AES to measure concepts such as patient safety, nursing practice environment, high reliability systems, and other areas of importance to the agency. AES responses are both confidential and anonymous. VA employees are given a workgroup code that is not specific to any person. Workgroup-level scores are only reported if at least five people respond to ensure that no responses can be attributed to individual employees.

Affected Public: Federal Government.
Estimated Annual Burden: 176,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 352,000.

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

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Alternate, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Information and Technology/Office of Data Governance and Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0747]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Disability Compensation Benefits

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 (VBA), 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 October 9, 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. 2900–0747.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Disability Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21–526EZ).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0747. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–526EZ is used to collect the information needed to process a claim for disability

compensation and/or related compensation benefits. The form has evolved over time into a standard claim form to be used for any benefit associated with disability compensation; to include new or initial claims and claims for increase. Without this information, determination of entitlement would not be possible.

VBA is currently undertaking an initiative to streamline and simplify VA Form 21–526EZ, aiming to reduce the length and complexity of the form by the end of Calendar Year 2026. The primary objectives are to enhance the experience for Veterans, lessen the administrative burden and time required to submit a claim for benefits, and accommodate preferences for submitting forms either through *VA.gov* or via paper, while preserving accessibility.

Burden has decreased due to the shortening of the length of the form from 15 to 5 pages, further reducing the respondent burden from 25 minutes to 15 minutes and through a decrease in the number of receivables averaged over the past year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at insert citation date: 90 FR 37497, June 23, 2026.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 499,398 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,997,592 per year.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0004]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for D.I.C., Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits

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 (VBA), 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 October 9, 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. 2900–0004.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 21P–534EZ, Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0004.
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P–534EZ is primarily used for the Fully Developed

Claims (FDC) program for pension claims, DIC, and accrued claims. This information is used to process a claim for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits by a surviving spouse or child. Without this information, determining entitlement would not be possible.

VBA is undertaking an initiative to streamline and simplify VA Form 21P–534EZ, aiming to reduce the form’s length and complexity by the end of Calendar Year 2026. The primary objectives are to enhance the experience for Claimants, reduce the administrative burden and time required to submit a claim for benefits, and accommodate preferences for submitting forms either through *VA.gov* or on paper, while preserving accessibility.

The burden has decreased since the previous approval due to shortening of the length of the form from 20 pages to 7 pages, further reducing the respondent burden from 40 minutes to 25 minutes.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 91 FR 38478, June 25, 2026.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45,833 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: example: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110,000 per year.

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

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