

Abstract: Form 4361 is used by ministers, members of religious orders, or Christian Science Practitioners to file for an exemption from self-employment tax on certain earnings and to certify that they have informed the church or order that they are opposed to the acceptance of certain public insurance benefits.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to this form.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,270.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 59 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,065.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 28, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8621

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8621, Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 5, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund.

OMB Number: 1545-1002.

Form Number: Form 8621.

Abstract: Form 8621 is filed by a U.S. shareholder who owns stock in a foreign investment company. The form is used to report income, make an election to extend the time for payment of tax, and to pay an additional tax and interest amount. The IRS uses Form 8621 to determine if these shareholders have correctly reported amounts of income, made the election correctly, and have correctly computed the additional tax and interest amount.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to this form.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 19 hr., 43 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 39,420.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 28, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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[Delegation Order No. 155 (Rev. 4)]

Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This delegation order is revised to give authority to sign recommendation letters for nonsuit settlements to the Regional Counsel and District Counsel in the field and to the Deputy Associate Chief Counsel and Assistant Chief Counsel in the National Office. In addition, it has been expanded in scope to cover nonrefund matters. The text of the delegation order appears below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara M. Coe, CC:DOM:FS:PROC, Room 4135,

1111 Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622-7940
(not a toll-free call).

**Recommendation Letters to the
Department of Justice Concerning
Settlement Offers Covering Persons or
Periods Not in Suit**

Authority: For matters under their
respective jurisdictions, to sign
recommendation letters to the Department of
Justice concerning Settlement Offers *related*
to pending refund cases or any other cases or
matters referred to the Department of Justice
for prosecution or defense with respect to
persons or periods not in suit.

Delegated to: Chief Counsel, Associate
Chief Counsel, Deputy Associate Chief
Counsel.

Authority: For matters under their
respective jurisdictions, to sign
recommendation letters concerning
Settlement Offers *related* to pending refund
cases or any other cases or matters referred
to the Department of Justice for prosecution
or defense with respect to: (a) periods not in
suit ending prior to the date of the resulting
settlement agreement; (b) tax consequences
for periods not in suit ending after the date
of the settlement agreement that necessarily
result from the settlement of the periods in
suit; (c) issues conceded in full by the
taxpayer for periods not in suit ending after
the date of the settlement agreement; (d)
persons not in suit for the periods described
in (a); and (e) persons not in suit for the items
described in (b) and (c).

Delegated to: Regional Counsel,
District Counsel, Assistant Chief
Counsel.

In exercising both of the above
authorities, the advice of the Chief of
Appeals and/or District Director with
jurisdiction over the nonsuit persons or
periods should be obtained and
considered.

Redelegation: The authority delegated
herein may not be redelegated.

Sources of Authority: 26 CFR 301.7122-1,
26 CFR 301.7701-9. To the extent that
authority previously exercised consistent
with this order may require ratification, it is
hereby approved and ratified. This order
supersedes Delegation Order No. 155 (Rev.
3), effective October 1, 1991.

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Michael P. Dolan,

Deputy Commissioner.

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Office of Thrift Supervision

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

August 29, 1996.

The Office of Thrift Supervision
(OTS) has submitted the following

public information collection
requirement(s) to OMB for review and
clearance under the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-
13. Copies of the submission(s) may be
obtained by calling the OTS Clearance
Officer listed. Comments regarding this
information collection should be
addressed to the OMB reviewer listed
and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office
of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.
W., Washington, D.C. 20552.

OMB Number: 1550-0081.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of an
approved collection.

Title: Release of Unpublished OTS
Information.

Description: This rule provides an
orderly mechanism for expeditious
processing of requests from the public
(including litigants in lawsuits where
OTS is not a party) for non-public or
confidential OTS information
(documents and testimony), while
preserving OTS' need to maintain the
confidentiality of such information.

Respondents: For Profit and Not-for-
Profit Organizations and Individuals,
Estimated Number of Respondents:
103.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per
Response:* 5.

Frequency of Response: Once per
lawsuit.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden:
2,500.

Clearance Officer: Colleen M. Devine,
(202) 906-6025, Office of Thrift
Supervision, 1700 Street, N. W.,
Washington, D.C. 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202)
395-7860, Office of Management and
Budget, Room 10226, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, D.C.
20503.

Catherine C.M. Teti,

*Director, Records Management and
Information Policy.*

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF
PEACE**

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 19,
1996; 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1550 M Street, NW., M Street
Lobby Conference Room, Washington,
DC 20005.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be
closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of
Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States
Code, as provided in subsection

1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute
of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: September Board Meeting;
Approval of Minutes of the Seventy-
sixth Meeting of the Board of Directors;
Chairman's Report; President's Report;
Committee Reports; Review of Grants
and Fellowships; FY 1997-1998 Budget
Review; Other General Issues

CONTACT: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director,
Office of Communications, Telephone:
(202) 457-1700.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Charles E. Nelson,

*Vice President for Management and Finance,
United States Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collections;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork and respondent
burden, the Veterans Benefits
Administration (VBA) invites the
general public and other Federal
agencies to comment on these
information collections. This request for
comments is being made pursuant to the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
(Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C.
3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should
address the accuracy of the burden
estimates and ways to minimize the
burden including the use of automated
collection techniques or the use of other
forms of information technology, as well
as other relevant aspects of the
information collection.

DATES: Written comments and
recommendations on the proposals for
the collection of information should be
received by no later than November 5,
1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits
Administration (20M30), Department of
Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,
NW, Washington, DC 20420. All
comments will become a matter of
public record and will be summarized
in the VBA request for Office of
Management and Budget (OMB)
approval. In this document the VBA is
soliciting comments concerning the
following information collections:

OMB Control Number: None assigned.