

OMB Number: 1510-0027.

Form Number: POD 1681.

Abstract: The form is used when an application is submitted for payment of a deceased Postal Savings depositor's account. Information furnished on the form is used to determine if the applicant is entitled to the proceeds of the account.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 38.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Diane E. Clark,

Assistant Commissioner for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: CMIA Report and Direct Cost Claim

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the report "CMIA Report and Direct Cost Claim."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Birdie McKay, Program Compliance Evaluation Division, 401-14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20227, (202) 874-6925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: CMIA Report and Direct Cost Claim.

OMB Number: 1510-0061.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The report is used to gather information from States and territories on interest owed to and collected by Federal Government for major Federal assistance programs.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 28,000.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proposed 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.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Diane E. Clark,

Assistant Commissioner for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Assignment Form

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Assignment Form."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Morris, Credit Accounting Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD. 20782, (202) 874-7801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Assignment Form.

OMB Number: 1510-0035.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: The form is used when an awardholder wants to assign or transfer all or part of his/her award to another person. When this occurs the awardholder forfeits all future rights to the portion assigned.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Diane E. Clark,

Assistant Commissioner for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0128]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 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. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine

eligibility to reinstate a veteran's Government Life Insurance policy.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0128" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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 and Form Numbers: Notice of Lapse, VA Form 29-389, and Notice of Past Due Payment, VA Form 29-389-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0128.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used by veterans to reinstate a lapsed Government Life Insurance policy. The information collected is used by VA to determine the insured's eligibility to reinstate.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

- a. VA Form 29-389—3,399 hours.
- b. VA Form 29-389-1—1,060 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 29-389—12 minutes.
- b. VA Form 29-389-1—10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

- a. VA Form 29-389—16,993.
- b. VA Form 29-389-1—6,359.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0149]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 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. This notice solicits comments for information needed to convert to a permanent plan of insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0149" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed