

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: September 15, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0176]

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 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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed by VA to monitor a program participant's training to ensure that the participant is progressing and learning the skills necessary to carry out the duties of the occupational goal.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before November 21, 2000.

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. 2900-0176" 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: Monthly Record of Training and Wages, VA Form 28-1905c.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0176.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: A trainer uses the form as an outline for recording veterans' progress toward their rehabilitation goals as well as recording veterans' on-job training monthly wages. Trainers report these wages on the form only at the beginning of the program and at any time the trainee's wage rate changes. Following a veteran's completion of a vocational rehabilitation program, the trainer submits the form to VA for review by the veteran's case manager.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0276]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise

McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0276."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Manufactured Home Appraisal Report, VA Form 26-8712.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0276.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form is used by VA fee and staff appraisers to establish the reasonable value of used manufactured homes. The reasonable value is then used: (1) To establish the maximum loan amount a veteran may obtain for the purchase of a used manufactured home unit; (2) to obtain information on the condition of the unit and its compliance with VA's minimum property requirements; and (3) in the event of foreclosure, to ascertain the value of the unit for resale purposes for use in computation of claims in applicable cases.

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 on June 20, 2000, at page 38318.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 90 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 124.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building,

Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0276" in any correspondence.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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