

the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Charles O. Rossotti,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 9, 2000.

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. Interested persons may obtain copies of the submission(s) by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Send comments regarding this information collection to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before March 17, 2000.

OMB Number: 1550-0061.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular renewal.

Title: Outside Borrowings.

Description: Information is collected from savings associations that do not meet capital requirements. These institutions must give 10 days prior notification before making long-term borrowings. Information submitted by the institution is used to monitor their safety and soundness.

Respondents: Savings and Loan Associations and Savings Banks.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency of Response: One submission per subject institution.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 4 hours.

Clearance Officer: Mary Rawlings-Milton, (202) 906-6028, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

John E. Werner,

Director, Information & Management Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0171]

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 an applicant's eligibility for tutorial assistance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 17, 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. 2900-0171" 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: Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance, VA Form 22-1990t.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0171.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses the information collected to determine eligibility for tutorial assistance. The form is sent by the applicant to the school for certification and transmission to VA. The school will transmit the form to the appropriate VA regional office (*i.e.*, Atlanta, Buffalo, Muskogee, or St. Louis) with jurisdiction over the area where the school is located. VA is authorized to pay tutorial assistance under 38 U.S.C. chapters 30, 32 and 35, and under 10 U.S.C. chapter 1606. Tutorial assistance is a supplementary allowance payable on a monthly basis for up to 12 months. The student must be training at one-half time or more in a post-secondary degree program, and must have a deficiency in a unit course or subject that is required as part of, or prerequisite to, his or her approved program. The student uses VA Form 22-1990t, Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance, to apply for the supplemental allowance. On the form the student provides information such as: name; Social Security Number; mailing address; telephone number; program and enrollment information; the course or courses for which he or she requires tutoring, the name of the tutor; and the date, number of hours and charges for each tutorial session. The tutor must verify that he or she provided the tutoring at the specified charges, and that he or she is not a close relative of the student. The Certifying Official at the student's school must verify that the tutoring was necessary for student's pursuit of a program, that the tutor was qualified, and that the charges for the tutoring did not exceed the customary charges for other students.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Number of Responses Annually: 2,000.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0460]

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 March 17, 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. 2900-0460."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0460.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. The VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided. The form is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

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 September 28, 1999 at page 52372.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300,000.

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. 2900-0460" in any correspondence.

Dated: February 3, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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