

a. VA Form 10-1170 is an application used by nursing homes wishing to provide nursing home care to veterans who receive VA benefits. It gives the nursing home the opportunity to describe the building and its capacity, staffing, structure and programming.

b. VA Form 10-2407 is an application used by a residential care facility or home that wishes to provide residential home care to veterans. It serves as the agreement between VA and the residential care home that the home will submit to an initial inspection and comply with VA requirements for residential care.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VA Form 10-1170—167 hours.

b. VA Form 10-2407—83 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. VA Form 10-1170—20 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-2407—5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VA Form 10-1170—500.

b. VA Form 10-2407—1,000.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Jacqueline Parks,

IT Specialist, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0262]

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 identify persons authorized to certify reports on behalf of an

educational institution or job training establishment.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 20, 2004.

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 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0262" 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: Designation of Certifying Official(s), VA Form 22-8794.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0262.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Education institution or job training establishment use VA Form 22-8794 to notify VA of the designated person(s) who may certify reports of the enrollment and pursuit or training on behalf of an educational institution or job training establishment. The information is used to ensure that educational benefits are not made improperly based on a report from someone other than a designated certifying official.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 333 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chiropractic Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Chiropractic Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, December 2, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m., and Wednesday, December 3, 2003 from 8:15 until 4 p.m., in the 7th floor conference room of The American Legion, 1608 K St. NW., Washington, DC 20006. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide direct assistance and advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the development and implementation of the chiropractic health program. Matters on which the Committee shall assist and advise the Secretary include protocols governing referrals to chiropractors and direct access to chiropractic care, scope of practice of chiropractic practitioners, definitions of services to be provided and such other matters as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

On December 2, Committee members will discuss the status of the recommendations to the Secretary; receive a briefing on VA educational resources and policies; discuss their work plan; and, as time permits, begin discussion of educational recommendations. On December 3, the Committee will receive an update on the status of the chiropractic occupational study; continue discussions on educational issues; and discuss the agenda for the next meeting.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting is requested to contact Ms. Sara McVicker, RN, MN, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-8558 no later than noon Eastern time on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, in order to facilitate entry to the building.

Public comments will not be accepted at the meeting. It is preferred that any comments be transmitted electronically to sara.mcvicker@mail.va.gov or mailed to: Chiropractic Advisory Committee, Primary Care, Medical Surgical Services SHG (111), U.S. Department of Veterans

Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Items mailed via United States Postal Service require 7–10 days for delivery due to delays resulting from security measures.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Commission on VA Nursing; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA Nursing will hold a meeting on December 4–5, 2003, at the Double Tree Hotel San Antonio Airport, 37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, San Antonio, TX

78216. On December 4, the meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On December 5, the meeting will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA. The Commission is required to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report, not later than two years from May 8, 2002, on its findings and recommendations.

On December 4, the Commission will discuss the chapters for its final report and each team will make presentations on proposed final draft recommendations. Draft recommendations will be presented according to how they will be listed

under chapter heading. On December 5, the Commission will discuss and select draft recommendations for its final report.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, members of the public may direct written questions or submit prepared statement for review by the Commission in advance of the meeting to Ms. Oyweda Moorer, Director of the National Commission on VA Nursing, at Department of Veterans Affairs (108N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Stephanie Williams, Program Analyst at (202) 273–4944.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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