

an end-of-track bumper post at the Chicago-O'Hare International Airport Station. The lead car derailed and struck a station escalator used by the public to access the airport terminals. The train operator and 32 train passengers were transported to hospitals. The damage to the equipment and the station was estimated to be \$9.1 million.

On April 7, 2014, the NTSB issued "Preliminary Railroad Report DCA14FR007," which describes initial findings from the ongoing investigation into this collision and derailment. The NTSB determined that seconds before the derailment, the train was traveling about 26 mph as it crossed a fixed trip stop that activated the train emergency braking system. Due to the train speed, the distance from the fixed trip stop to the track bumper post was too short to stop the train, and it collided with the bumper post.

This accident confirms the critical importance of ensuring the appropriate configuration of the systems, technology and procedures designed to guarantee safe stopping for a train in emergency braking at a terminal station. Results of analysis from the accident scene indicate a discrepancy between the original safe braking design for Chicago-O'Hare International Airport Station and its sufficiency during the actual emergency event. This discrepancy resulted in a lack of stopping space available for the passenger train, which entered the station at authorized speed but failed to slow as required.

Based on this information, FTA is issuing Safety Advisory 14-2 to urge each rail transit agency to ensure that enough space is available for trains in emergency braking to stop in terminal stations before collision with bumper posts or other end-of-the-line equipment.

Over time, changes made to authorized train speeds, the design or layout of the terminal station, or the placement of signals and trip stops can affect the minimum safe stopping distance required for trains in emergency braking. To protect rail transit passengers and employees, FTA's advisory recommends each rail transit agency to immediately review the performance of its automatic signals and trip stops under the actual operating speeds and conditions present for each terminal station.

If insufficient stopping space is identified, FTA's advisory requests the rail transit agency to undertake an analysis to evaluate and resolve the deficiency. Speed restrictions, re-configuring automatic signals and trip stops, modifying the placement and performance of bumping posts and

installations, and recalculating safe braking rates are all steps that rail transit agencies can take to address this critical safety concern.

Further, FTA is directing the SSO agencies to confirm actions taken to address Safety Advisory 14-2 and approve any required corrective actions to be implemented by rail transit agencies by August 12, 2014. FTA is also directing SSO agencies to provide a summary of actions taken by each rail transit agency in their jurisdiction when providing their annual report to FTA's Office of Safety and Oversight.

NTSB's initial investigative findings necessitated issuing this safety advisory. FTA is calling for immediate action from the rail transit agencies and subsequent follow-up verification from the SSO agencies to execute the recommendations in Safety Advisory 14-2.

FTA's issuance of Safety Advisory 14-2 is in accordance with the Federal Transit Administrator's authority to "investigate public transportation accidents and incidents and provide guidance to recipients regarding prevention of accident and incidents." 49 U.S.C. 5329(f)(5). The requests for information and data from the SSOAs and the rail transit agencies within their jurisdiction are based on FTA's authority to request program information pertinent to rail transit safety under the State Safety Oversight rule, 49 CFR 659.39(d).

Issued in Washington, DC, this 6th day of June 2014.

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Chief Counsel, Federal Transit
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0601]

Agency Information Collection (Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans) Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, VA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 July 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0601" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0601."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requirements for Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0601.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans may refinance an outstanding VA guaranteed, insured, or direct loan with a new loan at a lower interest rate provided that the veteran still owns the property used as security for the loan. The new loan will be guaranteed only if VA approves it in advance after determining that the borrower, through the lender, has provided reasons for the loan deficiency, and has provided information to establish that the cause of the delinquency has been corrected, and qualifies for the loan under the credit standard provisions.

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 January 16, 2014, at page 2939.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Dated: June 9, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0394]

Agency Information Collection Activities (Certification of School Attendance—REPS) 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. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 July 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0394” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0394.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of School Attendance—REPS, VA Form 21–8926. **OMB Control Number:** 2900–0394.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–8926 is used to verify beneficiaries receiving REPS benefits based on schoolchild status are in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits. The program pays

benefits to certain surviving spouses and children of Veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981 or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981. Beneficiaries over age 18 and under age 23 must be enrolled full-time in an approved post-secondary school at the beginning of the school year to continue receiving REPS benefits.

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 January 3, 2014, at pages 426–427.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 300 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Dated: June 9, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0114]

Agency Information Collection (Statement of Marital Relationship) Activity 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. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 July 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0114” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0114.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Marital Relationship, VA Form 21–4170.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0114.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–4170 is completed by individuals claiming to be common law widows/widowers of deceased Veterans and by Veterans and their claimed common law spouses to establish marital status. VA uses the information collected to determine whether a common law marriage was valid under the law of the place where the parties resided at the time of the marriage or under the law of the place where the parties resided when the right to benefits accrued.

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 January 3, 2014, at page 427.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,708 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Dated: June 9, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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