

Regulations issued by the DOL, Office of Apprenticeship no longer permit the payment of subminimum wages to apprentices in an approved program. 29 CFR 29.5(b)(5). Thus, the DOL has issued no apprentice certificates since 1987. However, the WHD must maintain the information collection in order for the agency to fulfill its statutory obligation under FLSA to maintain this program. This information collection is currently approved for use through May, 2017.

*II. Review Focus:* The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*III. Current Actions:* The Department of Labor seeks an approval for the extension and revision of this information collection in order to ensure effective administration of the government contract programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension and Revision.

*Agency:* Wage and Hour Division.

*Title:* Information Collections: Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

*OMB Number:* 1235-0001.

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

*Total Respondents:* 336,607.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,345,307.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 691,315.

*Estimated Time per Response:* various.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operation/maintenance):* \$3,498.

Dated: November 3, 2016.

**Melissa Smith,**

*Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation and Interpretation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection: Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (CM-972). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 9, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210, telephone/fax (202) 354-9647, Email [Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov](mailto:Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* Individuals filing for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA) may elect to be represented or assisted by an attorney or other

representative. For those cases that are approved, 30 U.S.C. 901 of the Black Lung Benefits Act and 20 CFR 725.365-6 established standards for the information and documentation that must be submitted to the Program for review to approve a fee for services. The CM-972 is used to collect the pertinent data to determine if the representative's services and amounts charged can be paid under the Black Lung Act. This information collection is currently approved for use through March 31, 2017.

*II. Review Focus:* The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- \* evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- \* enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- \* minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*III. Current Actions:* The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently-approved information collection in order to gather information to determine the amounts of Black Lung benefits paid to beneficiaries. Black Lung amounts are reduced dollar for dollar, for other Black Lung related workers' compensation awards the beneficiary may be receiving from State or Federal programs.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Title:* Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0011.

*Agency Number:* CM-972.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 338.

*Total Annual Responses:* 338.

*Average Time per Response:* 42 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 237.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.*

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 1, 2016.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation

Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection: Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (CM-2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (CM-2970a). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 9, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210, telephone/fax (202) 354-9647, Email *Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov*. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) which provides benefits to coal miners totally disabled due to pneumoniosis, and their surviving dependents. When the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) makes a preliminary analysis of a claimant's eligibility for benefits, and if a coal mine operator has been identified as potentially liable for payment of those benefits, the responsible operator is notified of the preliminary analysis. Regulations require that a coal mine operator be identified and notified of potential liability as early in the adjudication process as possible. Regulatory authority is found in 20 CFR 725.410 for the CM-2970 and 20 CFR 725.408 for the CM-2970a. This information collection is currently

approved for use through March 31, 2017.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- \* evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- \* enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- \* minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

##### III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently-approved information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to administer the Black Lung Benefits Act.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Title:* Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (CM-2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (CM-2970a).

*OMB Number:* 1240-0033.

*Agency Number:* CM-2970 and CM-2970a.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

Form	Time to complete	Frequency of response	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours burden
CM-2970 .....	10 min .....	occasion .....	4,800	4,800	800
CM-2970A .....	15 min .....	occasion .....	4,800	4,800	1,200
Totals .....	.....	.....	9,600	9,600	2,000

*Total Respondents:* 9,600.

*Total Annual Responses:* 9,600.

*Average Time per Response:* 10-15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,000.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$4,800.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 1, 2016.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, US Department of Labor.*

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