

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

[OMB Number 1140-0020]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Firearms Transaction Record, Part I, Over-the-Counter**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until August 24, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Erica Reid, Program Analyst, Firearms Industry Programs Branch at *FederalRegisterNotice* ATFF4473@atf.gov.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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 submission of responses.

Summary of Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Firearms Transaction Record, Part 1, Over-the-Counter.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 4473 (5300.9) Part 1. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: Business or other for-profit.

Need for Collection

The form is used to determine the eligibility, under the Gun Control Act (GCA), of a person to receive a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee and to establish the identity of the buyer/transferee. It is also used in law enforcement investigations/inspections to trace firearms and confirm that licensees are complying with their recordkeeping obligations under the GCA.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 14,409,616 respondents will respond to the collection each year and that the total amount of time to read the instructions and complete the form on average is 30 minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: ATF estimates 7,204,808 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, Room 2E-508, 145 N Street NE., Washington, DC 20530.

Jerri Murray,
Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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BILLING CODE 4410-FY-P**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employee Benefits Security Administration****Proposed Extension of Information Collection Requests Submitted for Public Comment: National Medical Support Notice—Part B, Etc.****AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.**ACTION:** Notice.*Overview Information*

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Requests Submitted for Public Comment: National Medical Support Notice—Part B; Defined Benefit Plan Annual Funding Notice; Prohibited Transaction Class Exemptions for Multiple Employer Plans and Multiple Employer Apprenticeship Plans, PTE 76-1, PTE 77-10, PTE 78-6; Request to the Department of Labor for Expedited Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction; Notice of Special Enrollment; Notice of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion; Establishing Prior Creditable Coverage.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments on the proposed extension of the information collection requests (ICRs) contained in the documents described below. A copy of the ICRs may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. ICRs also are available at [reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) (<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before August 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: G. Christopher Cosby, Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-8410, FAX (202) 693-4745 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice requests public comment on the Department's request for extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of ICRs contained in the rules and prohibited transactions described below. With the exception of the National Medical Support Notice—Part B, the Department is not proposing any changes to the existing ICRs at this time. The minor changes the Department is proposing for the National Medical Support Notice—Part B are discussed under the Description of that ICR, below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. A summary of the ICRs and the current burden estimates follows:

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: National Medical Support Notice—Part B.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0113.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 433,000.

Responses: 10,754,484.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 896,207.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$5,807,421.

Description: Section 609(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), requires each group health plan, as defined in ERISA section 607(1), to provide benefits in accordance with the applicable requirements of any “qualified medical child support order” (QMCSO). A QMCSO is, generally, an order issued by a state court or other competent state authority that requires a group health plan to provide group health coverage to a child or children of an employee eligible for coverage under the plan. In accordance with Congressional directives contained in the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (CSPIA), EBSA and the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) cooperated in the development of regulations to create a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN or Notice). The Notice simplifies the issuance and processing of qualified medical child support orders issued by state child support enforcement agencies, provides for standardized communication between state agencies, employers, and

plan administrators, and creates a uniform and streamlined process for enforcement of medical child support obligations ordered by state child support enforcement agencies. The NMSN comprises two parts: Part A was promulgated by HHS and pertains to state child support enforcement agencies and employers; Part B was promulgated by the Department and pertains to plan administrators pursuant to ERISA. This solicitation of public comment relates only to Part B of the NMSN, which was promulgated by the Department. In connection with promulgation of Part B of the NMSN, the Department submitted an ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, and OMB approved the information collections contained in Part B under OMB control number 1210–0113. OMB's approval of this ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2012. HHS and DOL plan to revise the NMSN Parts A and B by October 2012, with minor changes. The revision will synchronize the expiration dates and make conforming changes to page 1 of the NMSN Part B to match the changes made to Part A by HHS in 2011.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Defined Benefit Plan Annual Funding Notice.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1210–0126.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 30,458.

Responses: 49,171,095.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,093,173.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$21,630,572.

Description: Section 101(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) sets forth requirements applicable to furnishing annual funding notices. Before the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), section 101(f) applied only to multiemployer defined benefit plans. The Department issued a final implementing regulation under this provision on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1904), which is codified at 29 CFR 2520.101–4.

Section 501(a) of the PPA amended section 101(f) of ERISA and made significant changes to the annual funding notice requirements. These amendments require administrators of all defined benefit plans that are subject to title IV of ERISA, not only multiemployer plans, to provide an

annual funding notice to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), to each plan participant and beneficiary, to each labor organization representing such participants or beneficiaries, and, in the case of a multiemployer plan, to each employer that has an obligation to contribute to the plan. An annual funding notice must include, among other things, the plan's funding percentage, a statement of the value of the plan's assets and liabilities and a description of how the plan's assets are invested as of specific dates, and a description of the benefits under the plan that are eligible to be guaranteed by the PBGC.

On February 10, 2009, the Department issued Field Assistance Bulletin (FAB) 2009–1 to provide interim guidance under section 101(f) of ERISA in order to assist plan administrators in discharging their obligations under the new annual funding notice requirements, including model notices plan administrators may use to satisfy the annual funding notice content requirements. The FAB provides that pending further guidance, the Department will, as a matter of enforcement policy, treat a plan administrator as satisfying the requirements of section 101(f), if the administrator complies with the guidance contained in the FAB and has acted in accordance with a good faith, reasonable interpretation of those requirements with respect to matters not specifically addressed in the FAB. The ICR, as revised by the FAB, expires on October 31, 2012. The Department issued proposed annual funding notice regulations on November 18, 2010 (75 FR 70625). Much of the guidance in FAB 2009–01 has been incorporated into the proposed regulations. The guidance contained in the FAB remains in effect until the Department adopts final regulations under section 101(f) of ERISA (or if the Department were to publish any other guidance under section 101(f) other than final regulations).

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemptions for Multiple Employer Plans and Multiple Employer Apprenticeship Plans, PTE 76–1, PTE 77–10, PTE 78–6.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0058.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 4,230.

Responses: 4,230.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,052.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$0.

Description: This ICR covers information collections contained in three related prohibited transaction class exemptions: PTE 76–1, PTE 77–10, and PTE 78–6. All three of these exemptions cover transactions that were recognized by the Department as being well-established, reasonable and customary transactions in which collectively bargained multiple employer plans (principally, multiemployer plans, but also including other collectively bargained multiple employer plans) frequently engage in order to carry out their purposes.

PTE 76–1 provides relief, under specified conditions, for three types of transactions: (1) Part A of PTE 76–1 permits collectively bargained multiple employer plans to take several types of actions regarding delinquent or uncollectible employer contributions; (2) Part B of PTE 76–1 permits collectively bargained multiple employer plans, under specified conditions, to make construction loans to participating employers; and (3) Part C of PTE 76–1 permits collectively bargained multiple employer plans to share office space and administrative services, and the costs associated with such office space and services, with parties in interest. PTE 77–10 complements Part C of PTE 76–1 by providing relief from the prohibitions of subsection 406(b)(2) of ERISA with respect to collectively bargained multiple employer plans sharing office space and administrative services with parties in interest if specific conditions are met. PTE 78–6 provides an exemption to collectively bargained multiple employer apprenticeship plans for the purchase or leasing of personal property from a contributing employer (or its wholly owned subsidiary) and for the leasing of real property (other than office space within the contemplation of section 408(b)(2) of ERISA) from a contributing employer (or its wholly owned subsidiary) or an employee organization any of whose members' work results in contributions being made to the plan.

Each of these PTEs requires, as part of its conditions, either written agreements, recordkeeping, or both. The Department has combined the information collection provisions of the three PTEs into one information collection request (ICR) because it believes that the public benefits from having the opportunity to collectively review these closely related exemptions and their similar information collections. The Department previously submitted an ICR to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of the information collections in PTEs 76–1, 77–10, and 78–6 and received OMB approval under the OMB Control No. 1210–0058. The current approval is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2012.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Request to the Department of Labor for Expedited Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0135.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 15,400.

Responses: 15,400.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 14,350.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$8,000.

Description: The continuation coverage provisions of section 601 through 608 of ERISA (and parallel provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (Code)) generally require group health plans to offer qualified beneficiaries' the opportunity to elect continuation coverage following certain events that would otherwise result in the loss of coverage. Continuation coverage is a temporary extension of the qualified beneficiary's previous group health coverage. The right to elect continuation coverage allows individuals to maintain group health coverage under adverse circumstances and to bridge gaps in health coverage that otherwise could limit their access to health care.

COBRA provides the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) with authority under section 608 of ERISA to carry out the continuation coverage provisions. The Conference Report that accompanied COBRA divided interpretive authority over the COBRA provisions between the Secretary and the Secretary of the Treasury (the Treasury) by providing that the Secretary has the authority to issue regulations implementing the notice and disclosure requirements of COBRA, while the Treasury is authorized to issue regulations defining the required continuation coverage.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5). Section 3001(a)(5) of ARRA provides that if individuals request treatment as an assistance eligible individual and are denied such treatment because of their ineligibility for COBRA continuation coverage, the Secretary of Labor must provide for

expedited review of the denial upon application to the Secretary in the form and manner the Secretary provides. The Secretary of Labor is required to act in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and must make a determination within 15 business days after receipt of an individual's application for review.

The Application is the form that will be used by individuals to file their expedited review appeals with EBSA. All of the information requested on the Application must be completed, and an Application may be denied if sufficient information is not provided. In certain situations, EBSA will have to contact plan administrators for additional information regarding an applicant's appeal of a denial of premium reduction. The Letter will be used for this purpose in cases where the Department has otherwise been unable to contact a plan administrator.

On November 9, 2009, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the Application and the Letter under OMB Control Number 1210–0135. The approval is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2012.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Notice of Special Enrollment.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210–0101.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 2,757,800.

Responses: 10,847,611.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 0.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): \$94,917.

Description: Subsection (c) of 29 CFR 2590.701–6 requires group health plans to provide a notice describing the plan's special enrollment rules to each employee who is offered an initial opportunity to enroll in the group health plan. The special enrollment rules described in the notice of special enrollment generally provide enrollment rights to employees and their dependents in specified circumstances occurring after the employee or dependent initially declines to enroll in the plan. EBSA previously submitted an ICR concerning the notice of special enrollment to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA and received approval under OMB Control No. 1210–0101. The ICR approval is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Notice of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210-0102.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 827,330.

Responses: 4,683,541.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,661.

Estimated Total Burden Cost

(Operating and Maintenance):

\$1,319,664.

Description: Regulation section 2590.701-3 requires group health plans imposing a pre-existing condition exclusion, and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance subject to a preexisting condition exclusion, to provide all participants under the plan a written general notice of the pre-existing condition and also to provide any affected individual a specific written notice describing the length of preexisting condition exclusion applicable to that individual under the plan after the plan or issuer has made a determination, for that individual, of creditable coverage. EBSA previously submitted an ICR with respect to these pre-existing condition exclusion notices to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA and received approval under OMB Control No. 1210-0102. The ICR approval is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Establishing Prior Creditable Coverage.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 1210-0103.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 2,757,768.

Responses: 19,593,756.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 88,066.

Estimated Total Burden Cost

(Operating and Maintenance):

\$13,830,615.

Description: Subsection (a) of 29 CFR 2590.701-5 requires a group health plan and each health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage under a group health plan to furnish certificates of creditable coverage to specified individuals under specified circumstances. EBSA previously submitted an ICR concerning the requirement to provide certificates of creditable coverage to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA and received approval under OMB Control No. 1210-

0103. The ICR approval is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012.

II. Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collections of information are 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 collections 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., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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

Dated: June 18, 2012.

Joseph S. Piacentini,

*Director, Office of Policy and Research,
Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Gold Standard Evaluation (WIA Evaluation); New Collection

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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 (PRA) [44 U.S.C.

3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that required 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.

The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number (see 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6).

This data collection request consists of follow-up surveys for a sample of WIA customers participating in the WIA Evaluation and data for use in estimating the costs of WIA services and training received by sample group members. In addition, it includes data for a supplemental study to learn about services to veterans, the services they receive, and their outcomes. Since the WIA Evaluation is excluding veterans from the net-impact study, this supplemental study provides the opportunity to analyze veterans' experiences in the 28 WIA Evaluation sites.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before August 24, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Eileen Pederson, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room N-5641, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: (202) 693-3647 (this is not a toll-free number). Email address: pederson.eileen@dol.gov. Fax number: (202) 693-2766 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Passage of WIA (Pub. L. 105-220) led to a major redesign of the country's workforce system. WIA programs serve more than 6 million people annually at a cost of over \$3 billion (U.S. Department of Labor, Fiscal Year 2012 Budget in Brief). Among its goals, WIA aims to bring formerly fragmented