

examination staff uses these records to evaluate for compliance with the rule.

While most funds do not commonly engage in transactions covered by rule 17a–7, the Commission staff estimates that nearly all funds have adopted procedures for complying with the rule.² Of the approximately 2,768 currently active funds, the staff estimates that virtually all have already adopted procedures for compliance with rule 17a–7. This is a one-time burden, and the staff therefore does not estimate an ongoing burden related to the policies and procedures requirement of the rule for funds.³ The staff estimates that there are approximately 110 new funds that register each year, and that each of these funds adopts the relevant policies and procedures. The staff estimates that it takes approximately 4 hours to develop and adopt these policies and procedures. Therefore, the total annual burden related to developing and adopting these policies and procedures would be approximately 360 hours.⁴

Of the 2,768 existing funds, the staff assumes that approximately 21%, (or 582) enter into transactions affected by rule 17a–7 each year (either by the fund directly or through one of the fund's series), and that the same percentage (21%, or 23 funds) of the estimated 110 funds that newly register each year will also enter into these transactions, for a total of 605⁵ companies that are affected by the recordkeeping requirements of rule 17a–7. These funds must keep records of each of these transactions, and the board of directors must quarterly determine that all relevant transactions were made in compliance with the company's policies and procedures. The rule generally imposes a minimal burden of collecting and storing records already generated for other purposes.⁶ The staff estimates that the burden related to making these records and for the board to review all

transactions would be 3 hours annually for each respondent, (2 hours spent by compliance attorneys and 1 hour spent by the board of directors)⁷ or 1,815 total hours each year at cost of \$3,400,100.⁸

Based on these estimates, the staff estimates the combined total annual burden hours associated with rule 17a–7 is 2,225 hours at a cost of \$4,065,050.⁹ The staff also estimates that there are approximately 605 respondents and 4,840 total responses.¹⁰

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. The collection of information required by rule 17a–7 is necessary to obtain the benefits of the rule. Responses will not be kept confidential. 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 control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by December 13, 2023 to (i) MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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² Unless stated otherwise, these estimates are based on conversations with the examination and inspections staff of the Commission and fund representatives.

³ Based on our reviews and conversations with fund representatives, we understand that funds rarely, if ever, need to make changes to these policies and procedures once adopted, and therefore we do not estimate a paperwork burden for such updates.

⁴ This estimate is based on the following calculations: (4 hours × 110 new funds = 440 hours); (\$6,045 × 110 = \$664,950).

⁵ These estimates are based on the following calculations: (21% = 582 / 2,768); (605 = 582 + 23).

⁶ Commission staff believes that rule 17a–7 does not impose any costs associated with record preservation in addition to the costs that funds already incur to comply with the record preservation requirements of rule 31a–2 under the Act. Rule 31a–2 requires companies to preserve certain records for specified periods of time.

⁷ The staff estimates that funds that rely on rule 17a–7 annually enter into an average of 8 rule 17a–7 transactions each year. The staff estimates that the compliance attorneys of the companies spend approximately 15 minutes per transaction on this recordkeeping, and the board of directors spends a total of 1 hour annually in determining that all transactions made that year were done in compliance with the company's policies and procedures. This estimate is based on the following calculations: (2 hours × \$425 = \$850); (\$850 + \$4,770 = \$5,620).

⁸ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (3 hours × 605 companies = 1,815 hours); (\$5,620 × 605 companies = \$3,400,100).

⁹ This estimate is based on the following calculation: (440 hours + 1,815 hours = 2,255 total hours); (\$664,950 + \$3,400,100 = \$4,065,050).

¹⁰ This estimate is based on the following calculations: 605 funds that engage in rule 17a–7 transactions × 8 transactions per year = 4,840.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20078; CALIFORNIA Disaster Number CA–20001 Declaration of Economic Injury]

Administrative Declaration of an Economic Injury Disaster for the State of California

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the State of California dated 11/06/2023.

Incident: Smith River Complex Fire.

Incident Period: 08/15/2023 and continuing.

DATES: Issued on 11/06/2023.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/06/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's EIDL declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Del Norte.

Contiguous Counties:

California: Humboldt, Siskiyou.

Oregon: Josephine, Curry

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 200780.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration are California, Oregon.

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Isabella Guzman,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**[Disaster Declaration #20075; Maine
Disaster Number ME–20000 Declaration of
Economic Injury]**

Administrative Declaration of an Economic Injury Disaster for the State of Maine

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business
Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the State of Maine dated 11/06/2023.

Incident: Mass Shooting in Lewiston, Maine and Related Investigation.

Incident Period: 10/25/2023 through 10/27/2023.

DATES: Issued on 11/06/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan
Application Deadline Date:* 08/06/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's EIDL declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Androscoggin.

Contiguous Counties:

Maine: Cumberland, Franklin,
Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 200750.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is Maine.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Isabella Guzman,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12214]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Consent: U.S. Passport Issuance to a Child

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to December 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Consent: U.S. Passport Issuance to a Child.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0129.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services (CA/PPT).
- *Form Number:* DS–3053.
- *Respondents:* Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 362,900.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 362,900.

- *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 121,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information collected on the DS–3053 is used to facilitate the issuance of passports to U.S. citizens and nationals under age 18. The primary purpose of soliciting the information is to ensure that parents and/or guardians consent to the issuance of a passport to a child when required by 22 CFR 51.28.

Methodology

The Department collects information from the parents or legal guardians of U.S. national children when they complete and submit the DS–3053. Passport applicants can obtain the form from an acceptance facility/passport agency, manually sign it, and then have it notarized. Alternatively, applicants can download the form on the Department's website, fill it out electronically, and then print it for manual signature and notarization. The form must be completed, manually signed, notarized, and submitted along with the applicant's DS–11, Application for a U.S. Passport.

Matthew D. Pierce,

Managing Director for Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Department of State.

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