

associated identifying information, SSN, as well as internal transaction and credential identifiers (e.g., transaction identification for the internet benefit application, transaction identification for an electronic online Direct Deposit change, etc.).

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:**

In accordance with NARA rules codified at 36 CFR 1225.16, we maintain records in accordance with approved NARA General Records Schedules (GRS) 3.2, item 031; GRS 5.2, item 020; and GRS 4.2, item 130.

**ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:**

We retain electronic files containing personal identifiers in secure storage areas accessible only by authorized employees, including our employees and contractors, who have a need for the information when performing their official duties. Security measures include, but are not limited to, the use of codes and profiles, personal identification numbers and passwords, and personal identification verification cards. We restrict access to specific correspondence within the system based on assigned roles and authorized users. We will use audit mechanisms to record sensitive transactions as an additional measure to protect information from unauthorized disclosure or modification.

We annually provide authorized individuals, including our employees and contractors, with appropriate security awareness training that includes reminders about the need to protect PII and the criminal penalties that apply to unauthorized access to, or disclosure of, PII (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1)). Furthermore, authorized individuals with access to databases maintaining PII must annually sign a sanction document that acknowledges their accountability for inappropriately accessing or disclosing such information.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals may submit requests for information about whether this system contains a record about them by submitting a written request to the system manager at the above address, which includes their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them. Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, a record by mail must include: (1) a notarized statement to us to verify their identity; or (2) must certify in the request that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the

knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Individuals requesting notification of, or access to, records in person must provide their name, SSN, or other information that may be in this system of records that will identify them, as well as provide an identity document, preferably with a photograph, such as a driver's license. Individuals lacking identification documents sufficient to establish their identity must certify in writing that they are the individual they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as record access procedures. Individuals should also reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.65(a).

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Same as record access procedures. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

**HISTORY:**

88 FR 14435 (March 8, 2023), Digital Identity File Record System.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 12803]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: J-1 Visa Waiver Recommendation Application**

**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 September 19, 2025.

**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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this 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:* J-1 Visa Waiver Recommendation Application.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0135.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office.
- *Form Number:* DS-3035.
- *Respondents:* J-1 visa holders applying for a waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,150.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 14,150.
- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 14,150 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per Application.
- *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 J-1 Waiver Recommendation Application, DS-3035, is used to record the information required by 22 CFR 41.63 for a waiver request filed with the Secretary of State. The information requested on the form is limited to that which is necessary to enable the Waiver Review Division, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, of the Department of State to act on the request. Applicants provide biographic data and details regarding their periods of stay on J-1 visas in the United States.

**Methodology**

Applicants will complete and submit the DS-3035 electronically at the J Visa Waiver Online portal.

**Stuart R. Wilson,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-0468]

**Request for Information; Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Request for information; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 21, 2025, the Office of the Secretary within the Department of Transportation (DOT), published in the **Federal Register** a request for information (RFI) in preparation for the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The RFI provided for a 30-day comment period, which closes on August 20, 2025. DOT has determined that an extension of the comment period until September 8, 2025 is appropriate. This action will allow interested parties additional time to prepare information and comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published on July 21, 2025 (90 FR 34338), regarding the RFI on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill, is extended. Comments must be received on or before September 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted electronically or via U.S. mail. Respondents are encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address.

**Electronic Submission:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search by using the docket number (provided above). Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the electronic docket site.

**Email:** [STR2026@dot.gov](mailto:STR2026@dot.gov). Please include the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment.

**Mail:** Dockets Operation; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Instructions:** All submissions should include the agency name and docket number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel Cohen, Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Legislation, at [STR2026@dot.gov](mailto:STR2026@dot.gov) or (202) 366-4702.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 21, 2025, DOT published in the **Federal Register** an RFI soliciting comments on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The RFI stated that the comment period would close on August 20, 2025. DOT has received several requests to extend the comment period. An extension of the comment period will allow interested parties additional time to prepare information and comments. Therefore, DOT is extending the end of the comment period for the RFI from August 20, 2025, to September 8, 2025.

Department of Transportation.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 18, 2025.

**Gregory D. Cote,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0747]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Program-Specific information:** Kendra McCleave, 202-461-9568, [kendra.mccleave@va.gov](mailto:kendra.mccleave@va.gov).

**VA PRA information:** Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, [VAPRA@va.gov](mailto:VAPRA@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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:** Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0747. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21-526EZ is used to collect the information needed to process a claim for disability compensation and/or related compensation benefits. The form has evolved over time into a standard claim form to be used for any benefit associated with disability compensation; to include new or initial claims and claims for increase. Without this information, determination of entitlement would not be possible. No changes have been made to this