

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary to assess performance of the REA initiative, including whether the information has 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 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 continued collection of the information contained on the ETA 9128 and the ETA 9129 reports is necessary to enable the Office of Workforce Security (OWS) to continue evaluating the effectiveness of this initiative through workload and outcomes reports.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments Workloads Report and Reemployment and Eligibility Assessments Outcomes Report.

OMB Number: 1205-0456.

Agency Number: ETA 9128 and ETA 9129.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Total Respondents: 53 potentially—In fiscal year 2009, 18 State Workforce Agencies are participating in the REA initiative. Additional states are expected to participate if funds are appropriated.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 72.

Average Time per Response: .5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 36 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$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 12, 2008.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Information Collection Request for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Activities Reports: Extension Without Change, Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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 collection of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Joe Williams, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2928 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: Williams.joseph@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: Section 303(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (SSA) and Section 3304(a)(3) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) require that all monies received in the unemployment fund of a state be paid immediately to the Secretary of Treasury to the credit of the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF). This is the "immediate deposit" standard.

Section 303(a)(5) of the SSA and Section 3304(a)(4) of the FUTA require that all monies withdrawn from the UTF be used solely for the payment of unemployment compensation, exclusive

of the expenses of administration. This is the "limited withdrawal" standard.

Federal law (Section 303(a)(6) of the SSA) gives the Secretary of Labor the authority to require the reporting of information deemed necessary to assure state compliance with the provisions of the SSA.

Under this authority, the Secretary of Labor requires the following reports to monitor state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards:

ETA 2112: UI Financial Transactions Summary, Unemployment Fund;

ETA 8401: Monthly Analysis of Benefit Payment Account;

ETA 8405: Monthly Analysis of Clearing Account;

ETA 8413: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Benefit Payment Account;

ETA 8414: Income—Expense Analysis UC Fund, Clearing Account;

ETA 8403: Summary of Financial Transactions—Title IX Funds.

These reports are submitted to the Office of Workforce Security (OWS) within the Employment and Training Administration which uses them to:

- Monitor cash flows into and out of the UTF to determine state compliance with the immediate deposit and limited withdrawal standards.

- Assure proper accounting for unemployment funds, an integral part of preparing the Department's consolidated financial statements, required by the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990. The UTF is the single largest asset and liability on the statements.

- Reconcile the Department's records with the U.S. Treasury records.

- Develop UI research and actuarial reports, especially to monitor the solvency of the UTF.

The Department seeks renewal of this collection since the reports are essential to the Department's financial statements and program oversight responsibilities.

II. Desired Focus of Comments:

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of these reports. Comments are requested to:

- * 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 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 continued collection of these financial data are necessary for the purposes of monitoring and evaluating state financial transactions for proper oversight and administration of the UI system.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Activities Reports.

OMB Number: 1205-0154.

Agency Number: ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414, 8403.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414: Monthly.

Total Responses: 53 states \times 12 months = 636 responses.

Average Time per Response: The ETA 2112, 8401, 8405, 8413, 8414 are all submitted on a monthly basis. We estimate the state burden to be: 636 total responses \times 2.5 hours for all 5 reports (.5 hours for each report) = 1,590 hours. The ETA 8403 is submitted only when there is activity requiring update of the state's Reed Act account. We estimate the state burden to be: 53 states \times 6 annual responses \times 30 minutes per response = 159 reporting hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,749 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$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 12, 2008.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Oregon

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Oregon.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Based on data reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on November 21, 2008, Oregon's 3-month seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate rose to the 6.5 percent threshold and exceeded 110 percent of the corresponding rate in the prior year. This causes Oregon to be triggered "on" to an EB period beginning December 07, 2008.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg., Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: gibbons.scott@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 28th day of November, 2008.

Brent R. Orrell,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before January 5, 2009. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML) using one of the following means:

Mail: NARA (NWML), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

E-mail: request.schedule@nara.gov.

FAX: 301-837-3698.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurence Brewer, Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records