

previously granted by letter dated September 18, 2020, related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. See <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FRA-2020-0060-0005>.

In support of its petition, APTA notes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on social distancing, as well as avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces are expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future and that commuter railroads are still operating with much-reduced workforces as a result of COVID-19 (over 12,000 commuter rail employees have tested positive and/or self-quarantined over the last 17 months).

APTA requests that FRA extend the existing relief previously granted in FRA's September 18, 2020, letter for one year.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov (Docket Number FRA-2020-0060).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by September 9, 2021 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable. Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2021-0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; National 911 Profile Database

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a request for extension of a currently-approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. NHTSA is requesting an extension of its information collection to continue to collect and aggregate information from State-level reporting entities that can be used to measure the progress of 911 authorities across the country in upgrading and enhancing their existing operations. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 19, 2021. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be submitted on or before September 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, including suggestions for reducing burden, should be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. To find this particular information collection, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comment" or use the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Ms. Laurie Flaherty, Coordinator, National 911 Program, Office of Emergency

Medical Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, NPD-400, Room W44-322, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Flaherty's phone number is (202) 366-2705 and her email address is laurie.flaherty@dot.gov. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), a Federal agency must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it collects certain information from the public and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information by a Federal agency unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. In compliance with these requirements, this notice announces that the following information collection request will be submitted OMB.

Title: National 911 Profile Database.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0679.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Request: Request for extension of a currently-approved information collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Length of Approval Requested: Three years.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The National 911 Program is housed within NHTSA's Office of Emergency Medical Services, which has a mission to provide coordination in assessing, planning, developing, and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical services and 911 systems. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 942, Coordination of 911, E911, and Next Generation 911 implementation, the National 911 Program exists to coordinate 911 efforts, collect and create resources for State and local 911 agencies, and to oversee a grant program, specifically to upgrade the nation's outdated 911 infrastructure.

NHTSA is requesting an extension of its information collection, carried out under 47 U.S.C. 942(a)(3)(B), to continue to collect and aggregate information from State-level reporting entities that can be used to measure the progress of 911 authorities across the country in upgrading and enhancing their existing operations and migrating to more advanced—digital, internet-Protocol-enabled—emergency networks. The data will be maintained in a "National 911 Profile Database." The National 911 Profile Database maintains State-specific and benchmarking data, which is later analyzed by the 911 Program for trends and findings. Collecting and sharing nationwide 911

statistics helps the 911 community better understand the state of the industry. The National 911 Profile Database enables voluntary submission of data by State and territorial 911 agencies via annual data submission. The information to be collected includes data useful for evaluating the status of 911 programs across the country, along with their progress in implementing upgraded and advanced systems and capabilities. The data elements involved will fall within two major categories: Baseline and progress benchmarks.

- “Baseline” data elements reflect the current status and nature of 911 operations from State to State. These elements are largely descriptive in nature, are intended to provide a general view of existing 911 services across the country, and are grouped within five categories: Total 911 Calls and Call Type, Number of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Equipment Positions, Emergency Medical Dispatch and Operations, Call-Handling Quality Assurance, and Minimum Training Requirements.

- “Progress benchmarks” reflect the status of State efforts to implement advanced next generation 911 systems and capabilities. As titled, these data elements are largely implementation or deployment benchmarks against which progress can be measured, and include: Planning, Procurement, Transition, Operations, and Maturity Level.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: To support NHTSA’s mission to save lives, the National 911 Program develops, collects, and disseminates information concerning practices, procedures, and technology used in the provision of 911 services; and to support 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and related State and local public safety agencies’ 911 technological and operational upgrades.

The technology impacting 911 services continues to evolve substantially. Both public and private sectors have increasingly focused on addressing the need to upgrade and enhance the technology utilized by 911

services across the Nation. In addition, it is essential that emergency responders are able to coordinate and collaborate with 911 agencies via comprehensive and seamless emergency communication systems as they update their own part of the emergency communications network. This information collection supports efforts to upgrade 911 services by providing up-to-date information to State and local public safety entities to allow them to adequately gauge progress toward implementing more current and advanced 911 systems in a comparative fashion. While the National 911 Program will benefit from this information, it is anticipated that the greatest benefit will accrue to the State and local public safety community faced with the challenge of migrating to the next generation of 911 services and technology as they strive to respond to emergencies.

The National 911 Profile Database is used to follow the progress of 911 authorities in enhancing their existing systems and implementing next-generation networks to more current functionality. The data in this national profile has been used and will continue to be used to accurately measure and depict the current status and capabilities of 911 systems across the United States, as well as progress made in implementing advanced technologies and operations—known as Next Generation (NG) 911. Assessments, based upon the data collected, will help draw attention to key roadblocks as well as solutions in NG911 implementation processes. Analysis of the data will also help target possible future activities and resources consistent with the goals of the program. The information collected will be available in aggregated form to national, Federal, State and local stakeholders in the public safety community. This information collection supports NHTSA’s mission to save lives, prevent injuries and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes by ensuring emergency responses to crashes of all nature (e.g. planes, trains, and automobiles) and maximizing the chances of survival for crash victims.

60-Day Notice

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on the following information collection was published on April 19, 2021(86 FR 20431). No comments were received.

Affected Public: State 911 agency administrators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency: Annual.

Number of Responses: 56.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: NHTSA estimates that submitting responses to the questions included in the proposed survey instrument utilizing the Web-based tool would require an average of 98 hours per State entity to collect, aggregate and submit. Estimating the maximum number of respondents at 56 (the fifty States, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. Territories), this would result in a total burden of 5,488 hours (98 hours × 56 respondents).

The total labor costs associated with the burden hours are estimated by finding the average hourly wage and multiplying by the number of burden hours. Respondents will be State, territory, and tribal government management personnel. To estimate reasonable staff expenses to respond to this information collection, the Agencies reviewed the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Outlook Handbook and determined that the Administrative Services Manager description closely aligns with the positions of recipient staff responsible for completing this request. BLS lists the average hourly wage as \$46.45.¹ Further, BLS estimates that State and local government wages represent 61.8% of total labor compensation costs.² Therefore, NHTSA estimates the hourly labor costs to be \$75.16 (46.45 ÷ 0.618). The total labor cost based on the estimated burden hours is estimated at \$412,478. The table below provides a summary of the estimated burden hours and the labor costs associated with those burden hours.

Number of respondents	Annual hours per respondent	Average hourly compensation	Estimated annual labor cost per respondent	Total estimated annual burden hours	Total estimated annual labor costs
56	98	\$75.16	\$7,365.68	5,488	\$412,478.08 or \$412,478.

¹ May 2019 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates by ownership, Federal, State, and local government, including government-

owned schools and hospitals and the U.S. Postal Service, at <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/999001.htm#11-0000> (BLS code 11–3010).

² Table 1 at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.t01.htm>.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: There are no capital, start-up, or annual operation and maintenance costs involved in the collection of information. The respondents would not incur any reporting costs from the information collection beyond the labor costs associated with the burden hours to gather the information, prepare it for reporting and then populate the Web-based data collection tool. The respondents also would not incur any recordkeeping burden or recordkeeping costs from the information collection.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including 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.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0178]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the revised 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 revised 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: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" in any correspondence.

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.

Authority: Public Law 115-89 "Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform Act", 38 U.S.C. 3002(3)(C), 3032(c), 3233, 3313(g), 3484, 3534(a), 3680(c), 3687, and 10 U.S.C. 16131., 38 CFR 21.3131(a), 21.3132(c),

21.4135(e)(3)(iii), 21.4203(f)(3), 21.4262, 21.5130, 21.5138, 21.7139(g), and 21.7639(f), 21.9561(c), 21.9641(g).

Title: Monthly Certification of On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0178.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Benefits are authorized monthly based on the number of hours worked by the trainee as verified by the training establishment. Unscheduled terminations result in the termination of benefits. If hours are reduced to less than a full-time work schedule, a reduction of benefits will occur. Public Law 115-89 "Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform Act" (VALOR Act) was signed into law on November 21, 2017. Section 3 of this law amended 38 U.S.C. 3680(c) to eliminate the trainee's certification requirement. As a result, this form is only completed, signed, and certified by the training establishment to report the trainee's number of hours worked and/or to report the trainee's date of termination. The form no longer requires the signature of the trainee. The form is then sent to the Regional Processing Office (RPO) for processing.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 214,794 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Twelve (12) Annually per Respondent.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 107,397.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that a virtual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will begin and end as follows: