

**Request for Comment**

Due to the passage of time since the 2013 Proposal was originally published, and to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide comments or new information, the Department is reopening the comment period and soliciting comments on all aspects of the 2013 Proposal. The Department specifically seeks comment regarding the following questions:

- Are changes to the 2013 Proposal's standards of creditworthiness necessary as a result of the SEC's finalization of amendments to Rules 2a-7 and 5b-3?

- Are changes to the 2013 Proposal's standards of creditworthiness necessary as a result of other regulators' actions removing references to credit ratings? For example, should the Department incorporate OCC, Federal Reserve Board, FDIC and/or NCUA standards developed for depository institutions? Have other regulators developed standards the Department should incorporate into the Class Exemptions? Are there particular challenges in the ERISA context to implementing any of those standards?

- Are changes to the 2013 Proposal's standards of creditworthiness necessary in light of business or other economic developments since the Department proposed changes to the Class Exemptions in 2013?

- Should references to "fair market value" in the 2013 Proposal's standards of creditworthiness be replaced with references to "carrying value"? If so, please explain why.

- Do commenters recommend that the Department require financial institutions to adopt policies and procedures for compliance with the standards of creditworthiness? If so, please describe the types of specific policies and procedures that would be helpful. Do financial institutions already have similar policies and procedures in place? Will 180 days provide sufficient time for financial institutions that currently do not currently such policies and procedures in place to adopt them?

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of June 2021.

**Ali Khawar,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by August 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Sandra Trujillo by telephone at 202-693-2933 (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1-877-889-5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [trujillo.sandra@dol.gov](mailto:trujillo.sandra@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S-4524, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [trujillo.sandra@dol.gov](mailto:trujillo.sandra@dol.gov); or by fax 202-693-3975.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Stengle by telephone at 202-693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [stengle.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:stengle.thomas@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

The Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed is a monthly snapshot of the demographic composition of the claimant population in the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. It is based on those who file a claim in the week containing the 19th day of the month, which reflects unemployment during the week containing the 12th day of the month. This corresponds with the sample timeframe used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the production of labor force statistics they produce. This report serves a variety of socio-economic needs because it provides aggregate data reflecting UI claimants' sex, race/ethnic group, age, industry, and occupation. The Social Security Act, Section 303(a)(6), authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205-0009.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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).

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Title of Collection: Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed.

Form: ETA 203.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0009.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 636.

Estimated Average Time per

Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 212 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Suzan G. LeVine,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of a Change in Status of the Extended Benefit (EB) Program for New Mexico

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 2021, concerning New Mexico's EB change. On March 17, 2021, New Mexico Senate Bill 52 was enacted authorizing the use of the optional TUR trigger to determine New Mexico's EB status, and based on data released on March 15, 2021 by BLS, the seasonally-adjusted 3-month average total unemployment rate (TUR) for New Mexico rose above the 8.0 percent threshold necessary to trigger "on" to a

High Unemployment Period for EB. However, in New Mexico, with the exception of general appropriation legislation, laws go into effect 90 days after date of enactment. This delay was not originally considered, and the original **Federal Register** Notice published on April 27, 2021 (86 FR 22268) contained an incorrect status change for New Mexico. Therefore, DOL is issuing this correction.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov](mailto:Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Correction

The New Mexico State Constitution stipulates that unless otherwise specified, legislation becomes effective 90 days after date of enactment. As such, New Mexico Senate Bill 52 authorizing the use of the optional TUR trigger to determine New Mexico's EB status does not become effective until June 18, 2021. Therefore, New Mexico's EB status preceding June 18, 2021 should not have considered the optional TUR trigger and New Mexico's EB status is corrected to reflect that due to the insured unemployment rate in the state dropping below 5.0 percent for the week ending March 13, 2021, New Mexico triggered "off" EB effective April 3, 2021.

Signed in Washington, DC.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Guam Military Base

Realignment Contractor Recruitment Standards, OMB Control Number 1205-0484." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by August 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Donald Haughton by telephone at 202-693-2784 (this is not a toll-free number), TTY 1-877-889-5627 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [haughton.donald.w@dol.gov](mailto:haughton.donald.w@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration—Division of National Programs Tools and Technical Assistance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, C4526, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [haughton.donald.w@dol.gov](mailto:haughton.donald.w@dol.gov); or by fax (202) 693-3015.

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DOL seeks to revise the Guam Military Base Realignment Contractor Recruitment Standards ICR based on revised Department of Defense (DOD) projections on the number of workers needed for the next several years. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, enacted October 28, 2009) authorizes this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection