

the improvement of program management.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary.
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government.
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies.
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future.
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained.
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, the agency must indicate the qualitative nature of the information).
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be

eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections under this request will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

#### Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information

Improving agency programs requires ongoing assessment of service delivery—systematic review of the operation of a program compared to a set of explicit or implicit standards—as a means of contributing to the continuous improvement of those programs. The Agency will collect, analyze, and interpret information gathered through this generic clearance to identify strengths and weaknesses of current services and make improvements in service delivery based on that feedback. The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information were not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services would be unavailable and the Agency would not know if adjustments would be warranted.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 113,582.

*Frequency:* On Occasion, per request.

*Number of Responses:* 113,582.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20,204.

The 20,204 annual burden hours requested are based on the number of collections we expect to conduct over the requested period for this clearance.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost:* \$0.

Participation in this collection is voluntary, and there are no costs to respondents beyond the time spent participating in the surveys.

*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.

Dated: April 29, 2022.

**William Berry,**

*Director, Office of IT Compliance,*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Schedule F, (Form 1040)

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 5, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [omb.unit@irs.gov](mailto:omb.unit@irs.gov). Include 1545–1975 or Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming, in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at 202–317–6009, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Profit or Loss From Farming.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1975.

*Form Number:* Schedule F (Form 1040).

*Abstract:* Schedule F, (Form 1040) is used by individuals, estate or trust to report their farm income or loss and expenses. The data is used to verify that the items reported on the form are correct and also for general statistical use.

*Current Actions:* There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations, Farming.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26,546.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 19 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 504,374.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 29, 2022.

**Andres Garcia Leon,**

*Supervisory Tax Analyst.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900–0095]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activity: Pension Claim Questionnaire for Farm Income**

**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 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:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0095” 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](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0095” 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:* 38 U.S.C. 1503 and 38 U.S.C. 1522.

*Title:* Pension Claim Questionnaire for Farm Income (21P–4165).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0095.

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

*Abstract:* The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through its Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) administers an integrated program of benefits and services, established by law, for Veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries.

Entitlement to pension benefits for Veterans and their surviving dependents is based on the family's countable annual income under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 1503 and under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 1522. VA Form 21P–4165 is used to gather the necessary information to evaluate the claimant's countable income and net worth related to the operation of a farm for the purpose of establishing entitlement to pension benefits and to evaluate a beneficiary's ongoing entitlement to pension benefits.

The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year. No other changes have been made to this form.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 109 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 218.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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