

nonimmigrant if they are currently in the United States in a nonimmigrant status.

USCIS will use the data collected on Form I-129L to determine a noncitizen's eligibility for L-1A and L-1B classification. The form is also used to determine whether, in advance of filing the individual L-1 petition, certain petitioning companies or organizations have established the required intracompany relationship for an LZ Blanket petition. An employer uses this form to petition USCIS for the noncitizen to temporarily enter the United States as a nonimmigrant. An employer also uses this form to request an extension of stay or change of status on behalf of the noncitizen. The form standardizes these requests and ensures that the information required for assessing eligibility is provided by the petitioner about itself and the noncitizen.

USCIS will use the data collected on Form I-129MISC to determine eligibility for the requested nonimmigrant classification and/or requests to extend or change nonimmigrant status. An employer (or agent or sponsor, where applicable) uses this form to petition USCIS for a noncitizen to temporarily enter as an H-3, P, Q, or R nonimmigrant. An employer (or agent or sponsor, where applicable) also uses this form to request an extension of stay of an H-3, P, Q, or R nonimmigrant worker or to change the status of a noncitizen currently in the United States as a nonimmigrant to H-3, P, Q, or R. The form standardizes requests for H-3, P, Q, or R nonimmigrant workers and ensures that basic information required for assessing eligibility is provided by the petitioner.

USCIS will use the data collected on Form I-129O to determine eligibility for the requested nonimmigrant classification and/or requests to extend or change nonimmigrant status. An employer or agent uses this form to petition USCIS for a noncitizen to temporarily enter as an O nonimmigrant. An employer or agent also uses this form to request an extension of stay of an O nonimmigrant worker or to change the status of a noncitizen currently in the United States in another nonimmigrant classification to O.

These forms also serve the purpose of standardizing petitions or applications filed for these various nonimmigrant classifications and ensuring that basic information required for assessing eligibility is provided by the petitioner or applicant. They also assist USCIS in compiling information required by Congress annually to assess

effectiveness and utilization of certain nonimmigrant classifications.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-129E&TN is 12,709 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection E-1/E-2 Classification Supplement to Form I-129E&TN is 3,573 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.75 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection E-3 Classification Supplement to Form I-129E&TN is 1,787 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection USMCA Supplement to Form I-129E&TN is 7,349 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.5 hours.

The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-129L is 42,871 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3 hours.

The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-129MISC is 28,799 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection H-3 Classification Supplement to Form I-129MISC is 1,449 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.25 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection P Classification Supplement to Form I-129MISC is 18,524 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.5 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Q-1 International Cultural Exchange Alien Supplement to Form I-129MISC is 295 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.167 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection R-1 Classification Supplement to Form I-129MISC is 8,531 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Attachment 1-Additional Beneficiary for Form I-129MISC is 6,491 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.5 hours.

The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-129O is 25,516 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information

collection Attachment 1-Additional Beneficiary for Form I-129O is 1,189 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.5 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 363,444 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$56,595,925.00.

Dated: August 13, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-NEW]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; New Collection: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker: H-1 Classifications

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this new collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until October 18, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-NEW in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2021-0015. Submit comments via the

Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2021–0015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, telephone number (240) 721–3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments**

USCIS is separating Form I–129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker, (OMB control number 1615–0009) into several individual forms. These new forms will combine information from the main Form I–129 with information from the current Supplements to create unique forms tailored to specific nonimmigrant classifications. USCIS believes separating the current Form I–129 into several individual forms will consolidate and simplify the information collection requirements for respondents.

USCIS is creating Form I–129H1, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker: H–1B Classifications, to collect information for the H–1B and H–1B1 nonimmigrant programs. The H–1B classification is for individuals who will perform services in a specialty occupation, services of exceptional merit and ability relating to a Department of Defense cooperative research and development project, or services as a fashion model of distinguished merit or ability. The H–1B1 classification is for nationals of Singapore or Chile engaging in specialty occupations.

The information collection instrument posted with this 60-day **Federal Register** Notice includes changes associated with the final rule USCIS published on January 8, 2021 titled, *Modification of Registration Requirement for Petitioners Seeking To File Cap-Subject H–1B Petitions* (86 FR 1676) (H–1B Selection Final Rule). On February 8, 2021, USCIS published a rule delaying the effective date of the H–1B Selection Final Rule to December 31, 2021, titled, *Modification of Registration Requirement for Petitioners Seeking To File Cap-Subject H–1B Petitions; Delay of Effective Date* (86 FR 8543). The H–

1B Selection Final Rule changes in the information collection instrument will not be implemented before that rule's new effective date of December 31, 2021.

USCIS will request approval of Form I–129H1 from OMB as a new information collection. USCIS previously submitted Form I–129H1 to OMB for approval during the 2020 USCIS Fee Rule; however, this rule was enjoined and therefore the approval is not in effect. USCIS has determined that the creation of this new information collection does not require rulemaking and is therefore proceeding to seek public comments on Form I–129H1 via a notice of information collection published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS–2021–0015 in the search box. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

#### **Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker: H–1 Classifications.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I–129H1; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. USCIS will use the data collected on this form to determine eligibility for the requested nonimmigrant classification and/or requests to extend or change nonimmigrant status. An employer (or agent, where applicable) uses this form to petition USCIS for a noncitizen to temporarily enter the United States as an H–1B or H–1B1 nonimmigrant. An employer (or agent, where applicable) also uses this form to request an extension of stay of an H–1B or H–1B1 nonimmigrant worker or to change the status of a beneficiary currently in the United States as a nonimmigrant to H–1B or H–1B1. The form serves the purpose of standardizing requests for H–1B and H–1B1 nonimmigrant workers and ensuring that basic information required for assessing eligibility is provided by the petitioner while requesting that beneficiaries be classified under the H–1B or H–1B1 nonimmigrant employment categories. USCIS compiles data from this form to provide information required by Congress annually to assess the effectiveness and utilization of certain nonimmigrant classifications. Data collected on employers petitioning for H–1B beneficiaries is provided to the media, researchers, and the general public via the H–1B Employer Data Hub.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I–129H1 is 402,034 and the estimated hour burden per response is 4.25 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 1,708,644.50 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this

collection of information is \$207,047,510.

Dated: August 13, 2021.

**Samantha L. Deshommes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7036-N-08]

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program; OMB Control No: 2506-0077

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 18, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Anna Guido, Reports Management

Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-5535 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov](mailto:Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria Coates, Senior Community Planning and Development Specialist, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410; This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0077.

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

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This request identifies the estimated reporting burden associated with information that CDBG entitlement

grantees will report in IDIS for CDBG-assisted activities, recordkeeping requirements, and reporting requirements. Grantees are encouraged to update their accomplishments in IDIS on a quarterly basis. In addition, grantees are required to retain records necessary to document compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, Executive Orders, 2 CFR part 200 requirements, and determinations required to be made by grantees as a determination of eligibility. Grantees are required to prepare and submit their Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports, which demonstrate the progress grantees make in carrying out CDBG-assisted activities listed in their consolidated plans. This report is due to HUD 90 days after the end of the grantee's program year. The information required for any particular activity is generally based on the eligibility of the activity and which of the three national objectives (benefit low- and moderate-income persons; eliminate/prevent slums or blight; or meet an urgent need) the grantee has determined that the activity will address.

*Respondents:* Grant recipients (metropolitan cities and urban counties) participating in the CDBG Entitlement Program.

*Estimation number of Respondents:* 1,227.

*Estimation Number of Responses:* The proposed frequency of the response to the collection is on an annual basis.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* The total estimated burden is 574,236.

Task	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Current Inventory: Recordkeeping pursuant to 24 CFR 570.506 .....	1,227.00	1.00	1,227.00	129.00	158,283.00	35.16	\$5,565,230.28
Reporting pursuant to 24 CFR 570.507, 24 CFR 570.200 (e) and 570.506(c) .....	1,227.00	4	4,908.00	78.50	385,278.00	35.16	13,546,374.50
Entitlement communities maintain required documentation .....	1,227.00	1.00	1,227.00	25.00	30,675.00	35.16	1,078,533.00
.....	1,227.00	.....	.....	.....	574,236.00	.....	20,190,137.80
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

#### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency'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 those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, James Arthur Jemison II, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to submitter, Aaron Santa Anna, who is