

the 5 year period is appropriate and that the use of a uniform period across all agencies would make the requirement less confusing and burdensome on potential applicants.

The amended Table will read as follows:

Agency	Benchmark rate (Phase II/ Phase I)	Length of period (years)
USDA .....	0.25	5
DOC (NIST) .....	0.25	5
DOC (NOAA) .....	0.25	5
NASA .....	0.25	5
DHS .....	0.25	5
DOE .....	0.25	5
EPA .....	0.25	5
DoD .....	0.25	5
NSF .....	0.25	5
DOT .....	0.25	5
ED .....	0.25	5

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 638(9).

**Pravina Raghavan,**  
Director, Office of Innovation and  
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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information

collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address:

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCRDP, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-966-2830, Email address:

*OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.*

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than July 22, 2013.

Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. *Waiver of Your Right to Personal Appearance before an Administrative Law Judge—20 CFR 404.948(b)(1)(i) and 416.1448(b)(1)(i)—0960-0284.*

Applicants for Social Security, Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments have the statutory right to appear in person (or through a representative) and present evidence about their claims at a hearing before an administrative law judge (ALJ). If claimants wish to waive this right to appear before an ALJ, they do so in writing. Form HA-4608 serves as a written waiver for the claimant's right to a personal appearance before an ALJ. The ALJ uses the information we collect on Form HA-4608 to continue processing the case, and makes the completed form a part of the documentary evidence of record by placing it in the official record of the proceedings as an exhibit. Respondents are applicants or claimants for OASDI and SSI, or their representatives, who request to waive their right to appear in person before an ALJ.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an approved-OMB information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
HA-4608 .....	12,000	1	2	400

2. *Letter to Custodian of Birth Records/Letter to Custodian of School Records—20 CFR 404.704, 404.716, 416.802, and 422.107—0960-0693.* When individuals need help in obtaining evidence of their age in connection with Social Security number (SSN) card applications and claims for

benefits, SSA can prepare SSA-L106, Letter to Custodian of School Records, or SSA-L706, Letter to Custodian of Birth Records. SSA uses the SSA-L706 to determine the existence of primary evidence of age of SSN applicants. SSA uses both letters to verify with the issuing entity, when necessary, the

authenticity of the record submitted by the SSN applicant or claimant. The respondents are schools, State and local bureaus of vital statistics, and religious entities.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-L106 .....	Private Sector .....	1,800	1	10	300
SSA-L106 .....	State/Local/Tribal Government .....	1,800	1	10	300
SSA-L706 .....	Private Sector .....	1,800	1	10	300
SSA-L706 .....	State/Local/Tribal Government .....	1,800	1	10	300
Totals .....	.....	7,200	.....	.....	1,200

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than June 24, 2013. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by

writing to  
OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. *Employer Verification of Earnings After Death—20 CFR 404.821 and 404.822—0960-0472*. When SSA records show a wage earner is deceased and we receive wage reports from an employer for the wage earner for a year subsequent to the year of death, SSA mails the employer Form SSA-L4112

(Employer Verification of Earnings After Death). SSA uses the information Form SSA-L4112 provides to verify wage information previously received from the employer is correct for the employee and the year in question. The respondents are employers who report wages for employees who have died.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-L4112 .....	50,000	1	10	8,333

2. *Registration for Appointed Representative Services and Direct Payment—0960-0732*. SSA uses Form SSA-1699 to register appointed representatives of claimants before SSA who:

- Want to register for direct payment of fees;
- Registered for direct payment of fees prior to 10/31/09, but need to update their information;

• Registered as appointed representatives on or after 10/31/09, but need to update their information; or

• Received a notice from SSA instructing them to complete this form.

By registering these individuals, SSA: (1) Authenticates and authorizes them to do business with us; (2) allows them to access our records for the claimants they represent; (3) facilitates direct payment of authorized fees to appointed representatives; and, (4) collects the

information we need to meet Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements to issue specific IRS forms if we pay an appointed representative in excess of a specific amount (\$600). The respondents are appointed representatives who use Form SSA-1699 for any of the purposes cited in this Notice.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-1699 .....	52,800	1	20	17,600

3. *Statement for Certificate of Election for Reduced Widower(er)'s and Surviving Divorced Spouse's Benefits—20 CFR 404.335—0960-0759*. Section 202(q) of the Social Security Act provides SSA the authority to reduce benefits under certain conditions when elected by a title II beneficiary. However, reduced benefits are not payable to an already entitled spouse (or divorced spouse) who:

• Is at least age 62 and under full retirement age in the month of the number holder's death; and

• Is receiving both reduced spouse's (or divorced spouse's) benefits and either retirement or disability benefits in the month before the month of the number holder's death.

To elect reduced widow(er) benefits, a recipient completes Form SSA-4111. SSA uses the information Form SSA-

4111 collects to pay a qualified dually entitled widow(er) (or surviving divorced spouse) who elects to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit. The respondents are qualified dually entitled widow(er)s (or surviving divorced spouse) who elect to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-4111 .....	30,000	1	2	1,000

Dated: May 20, 2013.

**Faye Lipsky,**

*Reports Clearance Director, Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA 2013-0058]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Driver Qualification Files

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) “Driver Qualification (DQ) Files” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. Motor carriers must maintain a DQ file on each employee-driver and document therein that the individual meets the minimum qualification requirements for a driver of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The Agency’s estimate of the number of drivers subject to these requirements has been revised to exclude any consideration of drivers and motor carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce. In addition, this revision request includes an updated estimate of the interstate drivers and an increase in the estimated annual burden hours for this ICR. The bulk of the increase in burden hours is the result of a more accurate Agency estimate of the number of job openings for CMV drivers offered each year. On March 5, 2013, FMCSA published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this ICR. The agency received five comments in response to that notice.

**DATES:** Please send your comments to this notice by June 24, 2013. OMB must receive your comments by this date to act quickly on the ICR.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2013-0058. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov), faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Thomas Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone: 202-366-4325. Email: [MCPSD@dot.gov](mailto:MCPSD@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Driver Qualification Files.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-0004.

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

*Respondents:* Motor carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 46,900,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes (average).

*Expiration Date:* May 31, 2013.

*Frequency of Response:* Responses to some regulatory requirements of the driver qualification rules occur on a random basis. Other responses occur more predictably. Some responses recur; others do not. For example, motor carriers are required to obtain and review the motor vehicle driving record of their drivers from the State of licensure. They must complete this task at the time of hiring and again every year thereafter. The time-of-hiring requirement results in a random frequency of response, but, thereafter, the annual requirement results in a fixed frequency of response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 5,800,000 hours [5,400,000 hours for driver hiring + 300,000 hours for annual review of driver qualifications + 100,000 hours for driver review and rebuttal of safety performance history = 5,800,000].

#### Background

The Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 [Pub. L. 98-554, Title II, 98 Stat. 2832 (October 30, 1984)] requires the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations pertaining to CMV safety. These regulations are also issued under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 504, 31133, 31136, and 31502. Part 391 of volume 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) contains the qualification requirements for drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce.

Motor carriers may not require or permit an unqualified driver to operate a CMV (49 CFR 391.11). The foremost proof of driver qualification is the information that part 391 requires be collected and maintained in the DQ file (49 CFR 391.51). Motor carriers must obtain this information from sources specified in the regulations. These include the driver, previous employers of the driver, and officials of the State of driver licensure.

Motor carriers are not required to forward driver qualification information to FMCSA, but must maintain the information in a DQ file. The DQ file must be updated annually (49 CFR 391.25). The DQ file of each driver must be made available to State and Federal safety investigators on demand.

This request for OMB approval revises the Agency’s previous Paperwork Reduction Act estimate of the information collection burden of the DQ file requirements.

#### Public Comments Invited

FMCSA requests that you comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information, and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: May 14, 2013.

**G. Kelly Leone,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7918; 2002-13411; 2003-14504; 2006-26066; 2008-0231]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from