

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information to determine a lender's and a veteran's request for guaranty of a home loan for home improvements and for the veteran to occupy incomplete property.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0040" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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.

Title: Request for Postponement of Offsite or Exterior Onsite Improvements—Home Loan, VA Form 26-1847.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0040.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form serves as the lender's and veteran's request to VA for acceptance of escrow or other arrangement to permit the veteran to occupy a property for which offsite or exterior onsite improvements are incomplete. Escrow funds may only be used to complete the remaining improvements. This procedure makes it possible for loans to be guaranteed with adequate protection for the veteran and VA.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0362]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 28, 2002.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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Titles: a. Claim Under Loan Guaranty, VA Form 26-1874.

b. Supplemental Claim Form—Adjustable Rate Mortgages, VA Form 26-1874a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0362.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: a. Lenders and holders of VA guaranteed home loans use VA Form 26-1874 as notification to VA of default loans.

b. VA Form 26-1874a is used as an attachment to VA Form 26-1874 when filing a claim under the loan guaranty resulting from the termination of an Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan. The information obtained on both forms is essential to VA in determining the amount owed to the holder under the guaranty.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 26,139 hours.

a. VA Form 26-1874—25,806 hours.

b. VA Form 26-1874a—333 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 59 minutes (average).

- a. VA Form 26-1874—60 minutes.
 - b. VA Form 26-1874a—20 minutes.
- Frequency of Response:* On occasion.
Estimated Number of Total

Respondents: 26,806.

- a. VA Form 26-1874—25,806.
- b. VA Form 26-1874a—1,000.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0324]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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. This notice solicits comments on information needed to make a decision on a veteran's claim for insurance benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0324" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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.

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Title: Supplement Physical Examination Reports.

- a. Supplemental Physical Examination Report, VA Form 29-8146.
- b. Attending Physician's Statement, VA Form 29-8158.
- c. Supplemental Physical Examination Report (Diabetes—Physician's Report), VA Form 29-8160.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0324.
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used to obtain complete information as to the physical and/or mental condition of a veteran who has submitted an application for Government Life Insurance or reinstatement of eligibility. The information is used to process the insured's request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,080 hours.

- a. VA Form 29-8146—220 hours.
- b. VA Form 29-8158—1,000 hours.
- c. VA Form 29-8160—220 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 29-8146—45 minutes.
- b. VA Form 29-8158—45 minutes.
- c. VA Form 29-8160—45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,440.

- a. VA Form 29-8146—750.
- b. VA Form 29-8158—165.
- c. VA Form 29-8160—165.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health

Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 29, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 at (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan Guaranty Application, VA Form 10-0365.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA is authorized to guarantee loans for construction or rehabilitation of multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans. Loans may include amounts to acquire land, refinance existing loans, finance acquisition of furniture, equipment, supplies and materials and to supply working capital for the organization. The information collected is used to determine financial and program service provider eligibility and apply criteria to rate each application; and to obtain information necessary to ensure minimal defaults and delinquencies, interest subsidies, or other payments.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to