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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-0094]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Law and Order on Indian Reservations—Marriage and Dissolution Applications

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are
proposing renew an information
collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before August
18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
to the Office of Management and
Budget's Desk Officer for the
Department of the Interior by email at
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please
provide a copy of your comments to
Tricia Tingle, Associate Director, Tribal
Justice Support Directorate at 1849 C
Street NW, MS-2603 MIB, Washington,
DC 20240; or by email to Tricia.Tingle@bia.gov. Please reference OMB Control
Number 1076-0094 in the subject line of
your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact Ms. Tricia Tingle at
(505) 563-3950 or by email at
Tricia.Tingle@bia.gov. You may also
view the ICR at [http://www.reginfo.gov/
public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public's
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information

collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day public comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on April 2,
2021 (86 FR 17396). No comments were
received.

We are again soliciting comments on
the proposed ICR that is described
below. We are especially interested in
public comment addressing the
following issues: (1) Is the collection
necessary to the proper functions of the
BIA; (2) will this information be
processed and used in a timely manner;
(3) is the estimate of burden accurate;
(4) how might the BIA enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; and (5) how
might the BIA minimize the burden of
this collection on the respondents,
including through the use of
information technology.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. Before including your
address, phone number, email address,
or other personal identifying
information in your comment, you
should be aware that your entire
comment—including your personal
identifying information—may be made
publicly available at any time. While
you can ask us in your comment to
withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: The Bureau of Indian Affairs
(BIA) is seeking renewal of the approval
for the information collection conducted
under 25 CFR 11.600(c) and 11.606(c).
This information collection allows the
Clerk of the Court of Indian Offenses to
collect personal information necessary
for a Court of Indian Offenses to issue
a marriage license or dissolve a
marriage. Courts of Indian Offenses have
been established on certain Indian
reservations under the authority vested
in the Secretary of the Interior by 5
U.S.C. 301 and 25 U.S.C. 2, 9, and 13,
which authorize appropriations for
“Indian judges.” The courts provide for
the administration of justice for Indian
tribes in those areas where the tribes
retain jurisdiction over Indians,
exclusive of State jurisdiction, but
where tribal courts have not been
established to exercise that jurisdiction
and the tribes has, by resolution or
constitutional amendment, chosen to
use the Court of Indian Offenses.
Accordingly, Courts of Indian Offenses
exercise jurisdiction under 25 CFR 11.
Domestic relations are governed by 25
CFR 11.600, which authorizes the Court

of Indian Offenses to conduct and
dissolve marriages.

In order to obtain a marriage licenses
in a Court of Indian Offenses, applicants
must provide the six items of
information listed in 25 CFR 11.600(c),
including identifying information, such
a Social Security number, information
on previous marriage, relationship to
the other applicant, and a certificate of
the results of any medical examination
required by applicable tribal ordinances
or the laws of the State in which the
Indian country under the jurisdiction of
the Court of Indian Offenses is located.
To dissolve a marriage, applicants must
provide the six items of information
listed in 25 CFR 11.606(c), including
information on occupation and
residency (to establish jurisdiction),
information on whether the parties have
lives apart for at least 180 days or if
there is serious marital discord
warranting dissolution, and information
on the children of the marriage and
whether the wife is pregnant (for the
court to determine the appropriate level
of support that may be required from the
non-custodial parent). (25 CFR 11.601)
Two forms are used as part of this
information collection, the Marriage
License Application and the Dissolution
of Marriage Application.

Title of Collection: Law and Order on
Indian Reservations—Marriage &
Dissolution Applications.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0094.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:
Individuals.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:** 260 per year, on average.

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Responses:** 260 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per
Response:** 15 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:** 65 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to
Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour
Burden Cost:** \$6,500 (approximately \$25
per application for processing fees).

An agency may not conduct or
sponsor and a person is not required to
respond to a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid OMB
control number.

The authority for this action is the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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