

Dated: April 27, 2001.

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*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Distance Education
Demonstration Program Annual
Reporting Form.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit
institutions; Individuals or household;
Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour
Burden:* Responses: 30,544, Burden
Hours: 6,340.

Abstract: The information will be used by the Department of Education to conduct analyses and prepare reports required by the Congress in the authorization of the Distance Education Demonstration Program. These analyses may also become the basis of recommendations the Department may make to amend the governing statute as prescribed by the Congress in its program authorization. Respondents include participants in the Distance Education Demonstration Program (institutions and systems and consortia of institutions) and their students who are enrolled in distance education courses and programs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites

comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 2, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Income Contingent Repayment Program Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information Form.

Frequency: Once every 5 years.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 300,000; Burden Hours: 75,000.

Abstract: This form is the means by which a defaulted student loan borrower (and, if married, the borrower's spouse), choosing to repay under the Income Contingent Repayment Plan, provides written consent to the disclosure of certain tax return information by the Internal Revenue Service to the Department of Education and its agents for the purpose of calculating the borrower's monthly repayment amount.

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