

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Dolly Jackson (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: dolly.jackson@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0028" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolly Jackson at (202) 273-8022 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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, IT invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of IT's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of IT'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.

Titles

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0028.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract

a. VA operates an outreach services program to ensure veterans and beneficiaries have information about benefits and services to which they may be entitled. To support the program, VA distributes copies of publications to veterans service organizations' representatives to use in rendering

services and representation of veterans, their spouses and dependents. The information collected on VA Form 3215 is used to process a request from a service organization to be placed on the mailing list for specific VA publications.

b. VA Form Letter 70-2 is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as; process a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder. Completion of the form is voluntary and failure to furnish the requested information has no adverse effect on either the veteran or the correspondent.

c. VA Form 3288 is completed by veterans or beneficiaries to provide VA with a written consent to release records or information to third parties such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals.

d. Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(f)(1) authorizes VA to disclose mailing lists of veterans and their dependents to nonprofit organizations, but only for certain specific and narrow purposes. Criminal penalties are provided for improper use of the list by the organization in violation of subsection (f) limitations. The information collection in this regulation ensures that any disclosure of a list under this subsection is authorized by law. VA must ascertain that the applicant is a nonprofit organization and intends to use the list for a proper purpose; if not, Title 38, U.S.C., 5701(a) prohibits disclosure.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, not for profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 22,700 hours.

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—25 hours.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—3,750 hours.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—18,875 hours.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—10 minutes.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—5 minutes.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—7.5 minutes.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—150.

b. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—45,000.

c. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—151,000.

d. 38 CFR(A) 1.519 Lists of Names and Addresses—50.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0324]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits 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 Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 July 15, 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. 2900-0324."

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 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0324" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Supplemental 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—Physicians Report), VA Form 29-8160.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0324.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used by VBA 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.

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 **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 29, 2002, at page 15287.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,080 hours.

a. VA Form 29-8146—750 hours.

b. VA Form 29-8158—165 hours.

c. VA Form 29-8160—165 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 45 minutes.

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

Dated: May 29, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Genie McCully,

Acting Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0040]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 12035, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0040" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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. This procedure makes it possible for loans to be guaranteed with adequate protection for the veteran and VA.

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 **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 29, 2002, at pages 15285-15286.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, 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: May 28, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Genie McCully,

Acting Director, Information Management Service.

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