

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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.

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a. Credentials Transfer Brief, VA Form 10-0376a.

b. Credentials Supplemental Questions, VA Form 10-0376b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: Currently VHA requires that credentialing occur prior to extension of initial employment offers to health care providers. The credentialing occurs upon employment, transfer, or at the time of initiating practice at a new site. Although credentialing may have been completed by one VHA facility, policy requires that the credentialing process be repeated by the receiving facility. VA Form 10-0376a improves the efficiencies of this process by facilitating the sharing of already verified health care provider's credential data between facilities and decreases the potential for duplication of efforts.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit Institutions; Business or other; and State, Local or Tribal governments.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,750 hours.

a. Credentials Transfer Brief, VA Form 10-0376a-500 hours.

b. Credentials Supplemental Questions, VA Form 10-0376b-6,250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 11 minutes.

a. Credentials Transfer Brief, VA Form 10-0376a-60 minutes.

b. Credentials Supplemental Questions, VA Form 10-0376b-15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,500.

a. Credentials Transfer Brief, VA Form 10-0376a-500.

b. Credentials Supplemental Questions, VA Form 10-0376b-25,000.

Dated: March 14, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0116]

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 May 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 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. 2900-0116."

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. 2900-0116" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution, VA Form 21-4193.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0116.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4193 is used by penal institutions to furnish information about incarcerated VA beneficiaries. The information is used to determine reduction or termination of a beneficiary's VA compensation or pension rate when the beneficiary is incarcerated in a penal institution in excess of 60 days after conviction.

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 January 15, 2002, at page 2014.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 416 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,664.

Dated: March 28, 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. 2900-0047]

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