

claimant's death date. By law, VA must have a claimant's or beneficiary's written permission (an "authorization") to be a substitute claimant. The claimant or beneficiary may revoke the authorization at any time, except if VA has already acted based on the permission.

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 at 89 FR 65721, August 12, 2024.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,200 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a modified matching program.

**SUMMARY:** This is an 18-month re-establishment computer matching agreement (CMA) with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), regarding Veterans who are in drilling status and also in receipt of compensation or pension benefits. The purpose of this CMA is to re-establish the agreement between VA, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the DoD, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). DoD will disclose information about individuals who are in drill pay status. VBA will use this information as a match for recipients of Compensation and Pension benefits for adjustments of awards.

**DATES:** Comments on this matching program must be received no later than November 18, 2024. If no public comment is received during the period

allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new agreement will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary. This matching program will be valid for 18 months from the effective date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005R1A), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "CMA 89 Drill Pay". Comments received will be available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) for public viewing, inspection or copies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delonda Garmon (VBA), Program Analyst, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1800 G Street NW, Washington, DC 2006, 202-461-9700, [Delonda.Garmon2@va.gov](mailto:Delonda.Garmon2@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This agreement continues an arrangement for a periodic computer-matching program between the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) as the matching recipient agency and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) as the matching source agency. This agreement sets forth the responsibilities of VBA and DoD with respect to information disclosed pursuant to this agreement and takes into account both agencies' responsibilities under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including computer matching portions of a revision of OMB Circular No. A-130, 65 FR 77677 dated December 12, 2000.

*Participating Agencies:* The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) as the matching recipient agency and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) as the matching source agency.

*Authority for Conducting the Matching Program:* The legal authority for conducting the matching program for use in the administration of VA's Compensation and Pension Benefits Programs is contained in 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition Against Duplication of Benefits, which precludes pension, compensation, or retirement pay on account of any person's own service, for

any period for which he receives active duty pay. The law (10 U.S.C. 12316) prohibits the receipt of reserve pay and DVA compensation for the same time period, however, it does permit waiver of DVA compensation to draw reserve pay."

*Purpose(s):* The purpose of this matching program between VBA and DoD is to identify those Veterans and VA beneficiaries who are in receipt of certain VA benefit payments and are in drilling status. VBA has the obligation to reduce or suspend compensation and pension benefit payments to veterans who are in drilling status. VBA will use the DoD records provided in the match to update the master records of veterans and VA beneficiaries receiving benefits and to adjust their VA benefits, accordingly, if needed.

#### *Categories of Individuals:*

1. Veterans who have applied for compensation for service-connected disability under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
2. Veterans who have applied for nonservice-connected disability under 38 U.S.C. chapter 15.
3. Veterans entitled to burial benefits under 38 U.S.C. chapter 23.
4. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed pensions based on nonservice-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 15.
5. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed death compensation based on service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
6. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 13.
7. Parents who have applied for death compensation based on service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
8. Parents who have applied for dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 13.
9. Individuals who applied for educational assistance benefits administered by VA under title 38 of the U.S. Code.
10. Individuals who applied for educational assistance benefits maintained by the Department of Defense under title 10 of the U.S. Code that are administered by VA.
11. Veterans who apply for training and employers who apply for approval of their programs under the provisions of the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act of 1983, Public Law 98-77.
12. Any VA employee who generates or finalizes adjudicative actions using the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) or

the Veterans Service Network (VETSNET) computer processing systems.

13. Veterans who apply for training and employers who apply for approval of their programs under the provisions of the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act of 1992, Public Law 102–484.

14. Representatives of individuals covered by the system.

*Categories of Records:* The record, or information contained in the record, may include: 1. Name; 2. Social Security Number 3. Date of birth 4. Paid Inactive-duty training days 5. Paid Active-duty days.

*System(s) of Records:* Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA (58 VA 21/22/28), published at 86 FR 61858 (November 8, 2021). DMDC 01, entitled “Defense Manpower Data Center Data Base,” last published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2022, 87 FR 32145 and “Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Identity Repository (VADIR)—VA (138VA005Q)”, last amended at 87 FR 79066 (December 23, 2022).

#### Signing Authority

The Senior Agency Official for Privacy, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. John Oswalt, Chief Privacy Officer and Chair of the Data Integrity Board, Department of Veterans Affairs approved this document on September 11, 2024 for publication.

Dated: October 15, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Public Availability of the Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is

notifying the public of the availability of the VA FY 2021 Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report and the associated inventory. The report discusses the methodology, analysis, and special interest functions studied from the FY 2021 inventory. The inventory provides information on service contracts over \$150,000. VA developed the analysis report and the inventory in accordance with guidance the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) issued on November 5, 2010, and updated on December 19, 2011. OFPP’s guidance is available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/management/office-federal-procurement-policy>. VA posted the VA FY 2021 Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report and a link to the associated inventory is on the VA Office of Acquisition and Logistics website at <https://www.va.gov/oal/business/pps/scaInventory.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the service contract inventory may be directed to Forrest Browne, Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service (PPS) via email at [VA.Procurement.Policy@va.gov](mailto:VA.Procurement.Policy@va.gov) or by telephone at 202–632–9677. (This is not a toll-free number.)

#### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, signed and approved this document on October 11, 2024, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Luvenia Potts,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0915]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: VBA Contractor Background Investigation Request and VBA Affiliate Background Investigation Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 17, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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*VA PRA information:* Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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:* VBA Contractor Background Investigation Request and VBA Affiliate Background Investigation Request (VA Form 20–10276a).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0915.  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Forms 20–10276 and 20–10276a are used to gather the mandatory information to determine eligibility for employment and have physical and logical access for VBA.