

WORKBOOK (2): AGGREGATE INFORMATION—Continued

Eligible mailer information	Month (for each month)			
	October-06	November-06	December-09	January-10
Flats. Cards. First Class Presort Residual* Letters. Flats. Cards. Standard Letters. Flats. Carrier Route Letters. Carrier Route Flats. High Density and Saturation Letters. High Density and Saturation Flats.				
Rebate Calculation for each Mailer	Formula		Calculation	
Threshold Incremental Volume Volume Shift Adjustment Volume Eligible for Discount Average Revenue Per Piece Rebate				

¹ Formulas used in the determination of Volume Threshold, Incremental Volume, October 2009 Adjustment, Average Revenue Per Piece, and Summer Sale Rebate should be shown on each mailer page. Only mailer input data should be hardcoded.

* Presort Residual refers to mail entered with bulk presort mailings that does not qualify for presort rates.

[FR Doc. E9-23024 Filed 9-23-09; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7710-FW-P

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions and extensions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its

quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, e-mail, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Director for Reports Clearance to the addresses or fax numbers shown below.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBPM, Attn: Director, Center for Reports Clearance, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-0454, E-mail address: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

I. The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to

OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than November 23, 2009. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Director for Reports Clearance at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the above e-mail address.

1. *Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR 404.335-404.338, 404.603-0960-0004.* SSA uses the information on the SSA-10-BK to determine whether the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s Social Security Title II benefits. The respondents are applicants for widow's or widower's benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 341,560.

Collection method	Number of respondents	Average burden per response (minutes)	Burden hours
MCS	162,241	15	40,560
MCS/Signature Proxy	162,241	14	37,856
Paper	17,078	15	4,270
Totals:	341,560		82,686

Estimated Annual Burden: 82,686 hours.

2. *Substitution of Party upon Death of Claimant—20 CFR 404.957(c)(4) and*

416.1457(c)(4)—0960-0288. SSA collects information on Form HA-539

when a claimant for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits dies while his or her request for a hearing is pending. The information SSA collects establishes a written record of the request of any individual who asks to be made a substitute party for a deceased claimant. It also facilitates a decision by SSA on whom, if anyone, should become a substitute party for the deceased. The Administrative Law Judge and the hearing office support staff use this information to: (1) Establish the relationship of the requester to the deceased claimant; (2) determine the substituted individual's wishes regarding an oral hearing or decision on the record; and (3) admit the data into the claimant's official record as an exhibit. The respondents are individuals requesting to be made a substitute party for a deceased claimant.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 333 hours.

3. Non-Attorney Representative

Demonstration Project Application—20 CFR 404.1745–404.1799 and 20 CFR 416.1545–416.1599—0960–0699.

Section 303 of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (SSPA) provides for a 5-year demonstration project under which SSA extends the direct payment of approved fees to certain non-attorney claimant representatives. Under the SSPA, to be eligible for direct payment of fees, a non-attorney representative must fulfill the following statutory requirements: (1) Possess a bachelors degree or have equivalent qualifications from training and work experience; (2) pass an examination that tests knowledge of the relevant provisions of the Social Security Act; (3) secure professional liability insurance or equivalent insurance; (4) pass a criminal background check; and (5) demonstrate completion of relevant continuing education courses. Through the services of a private contractor, SSA must collect the requested information to determine if a non-attorney representative has met the statutory requirements to be eligible for direct payment of fees for his or her claimant representation services. SSA needs this information to comply with the legislation. The respondents are non-attorney representatives who apply for direct payment of fees.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 700 hours.

4. *Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount Subsidies Regulations—20 CFR 418–0960–0741.* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 established the Medicare Part B program for voluntary prescription drug coverage of premium, deductible, and co-payment costs for certain low-income individuals. The income-related monthly adjustment amount represents the amount of decrease in the Medicare Part B premium subsidy; *i.e.*, the amount of the Federal Government's contribution to the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund. SSA uses these regulations to determine when a monthly adjustment amount to a beneficiary's standard monthly premium under Medicare Part B occurs. The respondents are applicants for the Medicare Part B income-related monthly adjustment amount. The regulations sections below contain public reporting requirements for which no OMB-approved forms exist.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Section	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Situation in which beneficiaries ask SSA to examine a different tax return than the one they originally used to make their determination: § 418.1310(a)	9,820	1	30	4,910
Situations related to requests for new initial determinations based on beneficiary reports that a major life-changing event has significantly reduced their MAGI: § 418.1005(c) § 418.1250 § 418.1255 § 418.1265	160,000	1	30	80,000
Situations related to requests for additional new initial determinations and updates of MAGI that a beneficiary provided for a new initial determination: § 418.1235 (c)–(d) § 418.1240 § 418.1245	1,045	1	30	523
Total	170,865			85,433

Estimated Annual Burden: 85,433.

II. SSA has submitted the information collections we list below to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them within 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than October 26, 2009. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Director for Reports Clearance at 410–965–0454 or by writing to the above e-mail address.

1. *Waiver of Right to Appear—Disability Hearing—20 CFR 404.913–404.914, 404.916(b)(5), 416.1413–*

416.1414, 416.1416(b)(5)—0960–0534.

SSA uses Form SSA–773–U4 for claimants, or their representatives, to officially waive their right to appear at a disability hearing. The disability hearing officer uses the signed form as a basis for not holding a hearing and for preparing a written decision on the claimants request for disability based solely on the evidence of record. The respondents are claimants, or their representatives, for disability under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, who wish to waive their right to appear at a disability hearing.

Note: This is a correction notice. SSA published this information collection as an

extension on July 27, 2009 at 74 FR 37081. Since we are revising the Privacy Act Statement, this is now a revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10 hours.

2. *Medical Consultant's Review of Physical Residual Functional Capacity Assessment—20 CFR 404.1545–.1546, 404.1640, 404.1643, 404.1645, 416.945–.946—0960–0680.* SSA uses Form SSA–392 to facilitate the medical/

psychological consultant's review of the Physical Residual Functional Capacity Form, SSA-4734. The SSA-392 records the reviewing medical/psychological consultant's assessment of the SSA-4734. It also documents whether the reviewer agrees or disagrees with how the adjudicator completed the SSA-4734. Medical/psychological consultants prepare the SSA-392 for each SSA-4734 an adjudicator completes. The respondents are medical/psychological consultants who conduct a quality review of adjudicating components' completion of SSA's medical assessment forms.

Note: This is a correction notice. SSA published this information collection as an extension on July 27, 2009 at 74 FR 37081. Since we are revising the Privacy Act Statement, this is now a revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 256.

Frequency of Response: 359.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 18,381 hours.

3. *Statement of Reclamation Action—31 CFR 210—0960-0734.* SSA uses Form SSA-1713 to collect information to determine if a Canadian bank is able to return erroneous payments, and to determine how and when it can return the payments made after the death of a beneficiary who elected to have payments sent to Canada. Form SSA-1712 (or SSA-1712 CN) is the cover sheet SSA prepares to request return of a payment erroneously made after the death of the recipient. SSA sends Form SSA-1712 with Form SSA-1713. The respondents are Canadian financial institutions that received Social Security payments.

Note: This is a correction notice. SSA published this information collection as an extension on July 10, 2009 at 74 FR 33313. Since we are revising the Privacy Act Statement, this is now a revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Dated: September 18, 2009.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Director, Center for Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration.

[FR Doc. E9-23074 Filed 9-23-09; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4191-02-P

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2009-0061]

Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Extension of Testing of Some Disability Redesign Features

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of the extension of tests involving modifications to the disability determination procedures.

SUMMARY: We are announcing the extension of tests involving modifications to disability determination procedures authorized by 20 CFR 404.906 and 416.1406. These rules authorize us to test several modifications to the disability determination procedures for adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (Act) and for supplemental security income payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act.

DATES: We are extending our selection of cases to be included in these tests from September 30, 2009 until no later than September 28, 2012. If we decide to continue selection of cases for these tests beyond this date, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Schaefer, Office of Disability Programs, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, 410-594-0083, for information about this notice. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Our current rules authorize us to test, individually or in any combination, certain modifications of the disability determination procedures. 20 CFR 404.906 and 416.1406. We have conducted several tests under the authority of these rules. In the "single decisionmaker," test, a disability examiner may make the initial disability determination in most cases without obtaining the signature of a medical or psychological consultant. We also have conducted a separate test, which we call the "prototype," in 10 States. 64 FR 47218. Currently, the prototype combines the single decisionmaker approach described above with the elimination of the reconsideration level of our administrative review process.

We have extended the time period for selecting claims for these tests several

times. Most recently, on August 10, 2006, we extended the time period until September 30, 2009. 71 FR 45890. We have decided to extend case selection for the current disability prototype process (single decisionmaker and elimination of the reconsideration step) and for the separate test of the single decisionmaker until September 28, 2012. If we decide to end case selection for any part of the disability prototype in any the 10 States in which we are conducting the tests prior to September 28, 2012, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 18, 2009.

David A. Rust,

Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy.

[FR Doc. E9-23110 Filed 9-23-09; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4191-02-P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6768]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: FY-2010 Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/E/USS-10-02-04.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.401.

Key Dates

Application Deadline: December 3, 2009.

Executive Summary: The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of three Study of the United States Institutes to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2010. These Institutes should provide a multinational group of experienced educators with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions.

Two of these Institutes will be for groups of 18 foreign university level faculty, focusing on U.S. Culture and Society, and Journalism and Media. The third Institute will be a general survey course on the study of the United States for a group of 30 foreign secondary educators.

Applicants may propose to host only one Institute listed under this competition. Should an applicant submit multiple proposals under this competition, all proposals will be declared technically ineligible and