

c. Option year reporting: For any multi-year grants funded in annual increments, grantees will be given instructions about any annual reporting requirements prior to each option year. Annual reporting may include, but is not limited to:

- i. A list of your organization's leadership, such as Board of Directors and Executive Officers, is updated in eGMS annually.
- ii. An updated NICRA or de minimis certification is attached in eGMS annually (if needed).
- iii. Your organization's SAM.gov registration is updated annually.
- iv. Any conflicts of Interest are disclosed to GPD annually.
- v. Training for staff regarding suicide prevention is provided annually.
- vi. Training for staff regarding equity and inclusion is provided annually.
- vii. Any required SF-425 FFRs have been submitted to VA for all GPD grants.
- viii. Your organization is up to date on any actions required by an A-133 Single Audit or a VA-specific fiscal review (e.g., a fiscal review of GPD or SSVF grants conducted by VA's Office of Business Oversight).
- ix. Your organization does not have an outstanding GPD, VA or Federal debt.
- x. Your organization continues to meet the management standards described in 2 CFR part 200 and 38 CFR part 61 and continues to be able to effectively implement statutory, regulatory and other requirements imposed on grantees (per requirements such as 2 CFR 200.206(b)(2)).

3. Closeout

- a. A final SF-425 FFR is due within 120 days of the grant end date. Grantees who do not comply are subject to public reporting for material failure to comply with the terms of the award on the Federal websites, FAPIIS and SAM (per 2 CFR 200.344).
- b. Grantees must promptly refund any balances of unobligated funding that are not authorized to be retained. Any funds paid to the grantee in excess of the amount to which the grantee is finally determined to be entitled under the terms of the Federal award constitute a debt to the Federal Government (2 CFR 200.346).
- c. Refer to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement for other closeout requirements and ongoing requirements after closeout, to include audits and records retention. Applicants may refer to the GPD website for a sample of the standard terms and conditions of award.

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this

document on January 27, 2023, 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,

Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Cost of Living Adjustments

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program. The amount of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits, effective December 1, 2022, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 8.7%.

DATES: The Cost-of-Living Adjustments became effective December 1, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Baltimore, Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-632-8862. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of Public Law 117-191, VA is required to increase, effective December 1, 2022, the benefit rates for surviving spouses and children under the DIC program by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. VA is required to publish notice of the increased rates in the **Federal Register**.

SSA has announced an 8.7% COLA increase in Social Security benefits, effective December 1, 2022. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates for the DIC program became effective December 1, 2022:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Monthly Payment Rates

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death on or After January 1, 1993

Basic Monthly Rate: \$1,562.74.

If at the time of the Veteran's death, the Veteran was in receipt of or entitled to receive compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling (including a rating based on individual unemployability) for a continuous period of at least 8 years immediately preceding death and the surviving spouse was married to the Veteran for those same 8 years, add: \$331.84.

For each dependent child under the age of 18, add: \$387.15.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to Aid and Attendance benefits, add \$387.15.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to Housebound benefits, add \$181.37.

If the surviving spouse has one or more children under the age of 18 on the award per 38 U.S.C. 1311(f), add the 2-year transitional benefit of \$332.00.

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death Prior to January 1, 1993

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable
E-1(f)	\$1,562.74
E-2(f)	1,562.74
E-3(a,f)	1,562.74
E-4(f)	1,562.74
E-5(f)	1,562.74
E-6(f)	1,562.74
E-7(g)	1,616.75
E-8(g)	1,706.81
E-9(g)	1,780.11
E-9(b)	1,921.60
W-1(g)	1,650.22
W-2(g)	1,715.80
W-3(g)	1,765.96
W-4(g)	1,868.86
O-1(g)	1,650.22
O-2(g)	1,706.81
O-3(g)	1,823.83
O-4	1,933.15
O-5	2,127.39
O-6	2,398.79
O-7	2,589.11
O-8	2,843.81
O-9	3,041.87
O-10	3,336.41
O-10(c)	3,580.80

(a) Surviving spouse of Aviation Cadet or other service not covered by this table is paid the DIC rate for enlisted E-3.

(b) Veteran who served as Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

(c) Veteran who served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army or Air Force, Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(d) If surviving spouse entitled to Aid and Attendance, add \$387.15; if entitled to Housebound, add \$181.37.

(e) Add \$387.15 for each child under 18.

(f) Add \$331.84 if Veteran rated totally disabled for 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same 8 years.

(g) Base rate is \$1,894.58 if Veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same 8 years.

DIC Payable to Children

Surviving Spouse Entitled

For each child over the age of 18 who is attending an approved course of education, the rate is \$327.99.

For each child over the age of 18 who is helpless, the rate is \$659.83.

No Surviving Spouse Entitled

Number of children	Total payable	Each child's share
1	\$659.83	\$659.83
2	949.21	474.61
3	\$1,238.63	\$412.88

For each additional child, add \$235.38 to the total payable amount to be paid in equal shares to each child.

For each additional helpless child over 18, add \$387.15 to the amount payable to the helpless child.

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 25, 2023, 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,

Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0784]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0784."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0784" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 2402.

Title: Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial, VA Form 40-10007.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0784.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This information (VA Form 40-10007) is needed to collect information from Veterans and service members who wish to determine their eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery prior to their time of need for planning purposes. The data will be used for this purpose.

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 87 FR 74213, December 2, 2022.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

VA PRA Clearance Officer (Alt), Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Amended Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board (hereinafter the Board) will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, via Webex. The meeting will be held between 1-1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public from 1:10-1:30 p.m. EST for the discussion, examination and reference to the research applications and scientific review.

Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92-463 subsection 10(d), as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the Board meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA Rehabilitation Research and