

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Application for Spouse Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0042.

Form(s) submitted: AA-3, Application for Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity, AA-3cert, Application Summary and Certification.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Abstract: The Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the Act. The application obtains information supporting the claim for benefits based on being a spouse of an annuitant. The information is used for determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

Changes Proposed: The RRB proposes to add new items to Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 to further document an applicant's most recent nonrailroad work. The items ask for the applicant's most recent job title and whether their employer is a seasonal employer. Non-burden impacting changes are proposed to the certification statements of Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 that are intended to provide additional specificity regarding post-application events that require an applicant to contact the RRB. Other non-burden impacting, editorial (clarification) and formatting changes to Form AA-3cert and Form AA-3 are also proposed.

The burden estimate for this ICR is unchanged as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 8,500.

Total annual responses: 8,500.

Total annual reporting hours: 4,297.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov.

Comments: Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Karen Matsuoka at kmatsuoka@omb.eop.gov, fax (202) 395-6974.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an extension of the following collection of information: 3220-0193, Job Information Report, consisting of RRB Form(s) G-251a, Employer Job Information (job description) and G-251b, Employer Job Information (general). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (71 FR 44054 and 44055 on August 3, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Job Information Report.

OMB Number: 3220-0193.

Form(s) submitted: G-251a, Employer Job Information (position description). G-251b, Employer Job Information (general).

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Abstract: The collection obtains information used by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to assist in determining whether a railroad employee is disabled from his or her regular occupation. It provides, under certain conditions, railroad employers with the opportunity to provide information to the RRB regarding the employee applicant's job duties.

The proposed estimated annual burden for this collection is unchanged as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 430.

Total annual responses: 430.

Total annual reporting hours: 144.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**2007 Railroad Experience Rating Proclamations, Monthly Compensation Base and Other Determinations**

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 8(c)(2) and section 12(r)(3) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2) and 45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3), respectively), the Board gives notice of the following:

1. The balance to the credit of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUI) Account, as of June 30, 2006, is \$114,826,602.43;
2. The September 30, 2006, balance of any new loans to the RUI Account, including accrued interest, is zero;
3. The system compensation base is \$3,338,677,272.65 as of June 30, 2006;
4. The cumulative system unallocated charge balance is (\$279,893,399.81) as of June 30, 2006;
5. The pooled credit ratio for calendar year 2007 is zero;
6. The pooled charged ratio for calendar year 2007 is zero;
7. The surcharge rate for calendar year 2007 is 1.5 percent;
8. The monthly compensation base under section 1(i) of the Act is \$1,230 for months in calendar year 2007;
9. The amount described in section 1(k) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$3,075 for base year (calendar year) 2007;
10. The amount described in section 2(c) of the Act as "an amount that bears