

revoke certain elections that are currently in effect in light of changes made by the Act. The collection of information is necessary to inform the Internal Revenue Service that an election is being made or revoked. This notice will enable the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that the eligibility requirements for the various elections or revocations have been satisfied; verify that the requisite computations, allocations, etc. have been made correctly; and appropriately monitor whether any required collateral actions relating to the elections or revocations have been completed with.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150,000.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 5 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,765.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request For Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 27, 2009.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0090]

Proposed Information Collection (Application for Voluntary Service); Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine an applicant's suitability and placement as a potential volunteer at VA.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: mary.stout@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0090" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Stout at (202) 461-5867 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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.

Title: Application for Voluntary Service, VA Form 10-7055.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0090.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Individuals expressing interest in volunteering at a VA medical center complete VA Form 10-7055 to request placement in the nationwide VA Voluntary Service Program. VA will use the data collected to place applicants in assignments most suitable to their special skills and abilities.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 8,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Dated: May 12, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0165]

Agency Information Collection (Financial Status Report) Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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 June 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0165" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0165."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Status Report, VA Form 5655.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0165.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete VA Form 5655 to report their financial status. VA uses the data collected to determine the claimant's eligibility for a waiver of collection, setup a payment plan or for the acceptance of a compromise offer on their VA benefit debt.

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 March 12, 2009 at pages 10809-10810.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45,553 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,553.

Dated: May 12, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of amendment and republication of an existing system of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their records. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that it is amending the system of records entitled "Current and Former Accredited Representative, Claims Agent, Representative and Claims Agent Applicant and Rejected Applicant and Attorney Records—VA" (01VA022) as set forth in the **Federal Register**, 40 FR 38095, Aug. 26, 1975; and amended in 47 FR 1460, Jan. 13, 1982, 54 FR 30969, Jul. 25, 1989, 59 FR 47377, Sep. 15, 1994, and 67 FR 54529, Aug. 22, 2002. VA is amending the system notice by (1) revising the System Name, System Location, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, Categories of Records in the System, routine uses 2 and 5, and procedures for storage, retrievability, and safeguards; (2) rescinding routine use 8; and (3) adding a purpose data element and new routine uses 11 through 14. VA is republishing the system in its entirety.

DATES: Comments on the proposed amendments to this system of records must be received no later than June 17, 2009. If no public comments are received by this date, the amendments will become effective on June 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulation Policy and Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Daugherty (022G2), Staff Attorney, Professional Staff Group II, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Description of the System of Records

The System of Records "Current and Former Accredited Representative, Claims Agent, Representative and Claims Agent Applicant and Rejected Applicant and Attorney Records—VA" (01VA022) contains VA's accreditation records. Accreditation means authorization by VA to assist claimants with the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for veterans benefits. 38 CFR 14.627(a). VA accredits claims agents, attorneys, and representatives of recognized veterans service organizations to ensure that claimants for benefits have responsible, qualified representation before the Department. 38 CFR 14.626.

Before granting accreditation, VA's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) verifies the training, qualifications, and character and fitness of prospective agents, attorneys, and representatives of veterans service organizations through an application process. 38 CFR 14.629. After accreditation, OGC monitors the conduct of individuals providing representation through communications with the individuals providing representation, claimants for benefits, and other VA offices. When appropriate, OGC initiates proceedings to suspend or cancel accreditation. 38 CFR 14.633.

Statute and regulation provide a one-time exception to the requirement for formal VA accreditation in that an individual may provide representation on a particular claim before VA. 38 U.S.C. 5903; 38 CFR 14.630. Although VA does not "accredit" such individuals based on a review of their personal qualifications, individuals providing representation under this provision must comply with the same standards of conduct for representation before VA as apply to claims agents and attorneys. 38 U.S.C. 5903(b). VA may suspend or cancel this authorization under the provisions of 38 CFR 14.633.

VA last amended System of Records 01VA022 in December 2002. Since then, Congress has amended chapter 59 of title 38, United States Code, governing the accreditation of individuals for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for benefits before VA. See The Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006, Public Law 109-461, section 101, 120 Stat. 3403 (2006). Several provisions of amended chapter 59 require collection, maintenance, and retrieval of information from new sources. In section 5904(a)(2), Congress directed that VA publish regulations requiring as a condition of accreditation for attorneys and agents, either a specific level of experience or the