

for Reliable and Safe Highways, and Parents Against Tired Truckers. In the joint comment TSC “strongly requests this inadequately justified exemption to HOS requirements be denied in full. Large truck crash fatalities continue to increase at an alarming pace, and it is incumbent on the Department of Transportation and FMCSA to take every measure possible to reverse this trend and affirm life safety as its top priority by denying the request in full.”

## VII. FMCSA Safety Analysis and Decision

FMCSA evaluated Mr. Olier’s application and public comments. FMCSA denies the exemption request. Mr. Olier failed to establish that he would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level achieved without the exemption. The Agency established and enforces the HOS regulations to keep fatigued drivers off the public roadways and reduce the risk of crashes. Research studies demonstrate that long work hours reduce sleep and harm driver health, and that crash risk increases with work hours. The HOS regulations impose limits on when and how long an individual may drive, to ensure that drivers stay awake and alert, and to reduce the possibility of cumulative fatigue. The Agency concurs with commenters that if it exempts one individual from the HOS regulations, it could open the door for a huge number of similar exemption requests. Such a result would be inconsistent with a primary goal of the HOS regulations, which is to prevent crashes arising out of fatigued driving.

For the above reasons, John Olier’s exemption application is denied.

**Earl Stanley Adams, Jr.,**  
Deputy Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0696]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Availability of Educational Licensing and Certification Records

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0696” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0696” in any correspondence.

**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.

**Authority:** 10 U.S.C.16136, 38 U.S.C. 3034, 3241, 3323, 3673(d), 3689, 3690 and 38 CFR 21.4209.

**Title:** Availability of Educational Licensing and Certification Records, OMB #2900–0696.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0696.

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

**Abstract:** The VA uses this information to decide whether Veterans and beneficiaries of educational assistance have been properly paid, and whether educational institutions and organizations, or entities offering approved licensing and certification tests are following the applicable sections of 10 U.S.C. 16136, 38 U.S.C. 3034, 3241, 3323, 3673(d), 3689, 3690 and 38 CFR 21.4209.

**Affected Public:** Educational Institutions and Organizations or Entities.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 5,242 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent:** 2 hours (120 minutes).

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,621.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council; Reestablishment

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to reestablish the National Research Advisory Council for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Moragne, Committee Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; email at [Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov) or (202) 714–1578.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to reestablish the National Research Advisory Council for two (2) years from the filing date of the charter’s reestablishment. The Committee advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health (USH) and makes recommendations on the nature and scope of research and development sponsored and/or conducted by the

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to include: (1) the policies and projects of the Office of Research and Development (ORD); (2) the focus of research on the high priority health care needs of Veterans; (3) the balance of basic, applied, and outcomes research; (4) the scientific merit review process;

(5) the appropriate mechanisms by which ORD can leverage its resources to enhance the research financial base; (6) the rapid response to changing health care needs, while maintaining the stability of the research infrastructure; and (7) the protection of human subjects of research.

Dated: July 13, 2023.

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