

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 60 minutes.
Frequency of Response: One-time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Dated: January 31, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0112]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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 March 16, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-6950 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0112." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0112" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Holder or Servicer of Veteran's Loan, VA Form 26-559.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0112.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Holders and servicers complete VA Form 26-599 to provide the current loan payment status of a veteran-borrower's home loan to VA.

When a veteran-borrower requests a release from personal liability from the Government, (1) their loan payment must be current, (2) the transferee will assume the veteran's legal liabilities in connection with the loan, and (3) the purchaser must qualify from a credit standpoint.

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 November 2, 2005 at pages 66487-66488.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total Respondents: 2,400.

Dated: January 31, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0156]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 16, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-6950 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0156." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0156" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Change in Student Status (Under Chapter 30, 32, or 35, Title 38 U.S.C.; Chapters 1606 and 1607, Title 10 U.S.C.; or Section 901 and 903 of Public Law 96-342; the National Call to Service Provision of Public Law 107-314; the "Transfer of Entitlement" Provision of Public Law 107-107; and the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), VA Form 22-1999b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0156.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Educational institutions use VA Form 22-1999b to report a student's enrollment status. Benefits are not payable when the student interrupts or terminates a program. VA uses the information to determine the student's continued entitlement to educational benefits or if the benefits should be increased, decreased, or terminated.

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 October 20, 2005 at pages 61172-61173.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50,570 hours.

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—24,670 hours.

b. VA Form 22-1999b (Electronically Filed)—25,900 hours.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—10 minutes.

b. VA Form 22-1999b (Electronically Filed)—7 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,274.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 370,000.

a. VA Form 22-1999b (Paper Copy)—148,000.

b. VA Form 22–1999b
(Electronically Filed)—222,000.

Dated: February 1, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on March 13–14, 2006, at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the March 13, 2006 session from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meeting will be closed on March 13 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on March 14 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92–

463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94–409.

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact Dr. Denise Burton, Federal Designated Officer, Portfolio Manager, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254–0268.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held on February 27–March 2, 2006, at the Sofitel Hotel, 806 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC. The sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the February 27 and March 1 sessions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meeting will be closed on February 27 and March 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on February 28 and March 2 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the Board's review of research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss

of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under Sections 10(d) of Public Law 92–463 as amended by Section 5(c) of Public Law 94–409.

Those who plan to attend the open sessions should contact Dr. Denise Burton, Federal Designated Officer, Portfolio Manager, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254–0268.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet March 20–23, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, in room C–7, VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA, designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On March 20, the agenda will include briefings on initiatives of the Veterans Health Administration, updates from the Veterans Benefits Administration, a roundtable discussion of VA's Women Veterans Health Program, an update on activities of the Center for Women Veterans, and presentation of Certificates of Appointment to two new Committee members. On March 21, the Committee will receive briefings and updates on issues related to the National Cemetery Administration, the Center for Veterans Enterprise, and initiatives of VA's homeless programs. On March 22, the Committee will begin preparation of the 2006 Report. On March 23, the