

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Beneficiaries of deceased veterans must complete VA Form 29-4125 to apply for proceeds of the veteran's Government Insurance policies. If the beneficiary desires monthly installment in lieu of one lump payment he or she must complete VA Forms 29-4125a and 29-4125k. VA uses the information to determine the claimant's eligibility for payment of insurance proceeds and to process monthly installment payments.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,787 hours.

- a. VA Form 29-4125—8,200 hours.
- b. VA Form 29-4125a—462 hours.
- c. VA Form 4125k—125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 29-4125—6 minutes.
- b. VA Form 29-4125a—15 minutes.
- c. VA Form 4125k—15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 84,350.

- a. VA Form 29-4125—82,000.
- b. VA Form 29-4125a—1,850.
- c. VA Form 4125k—500.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin Hill,

Management Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0320]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This

notice solicits comments for information needed to allow veteran purchasers to gain occupancy of a property prior to completion of exterior onsite improvements.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0320" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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

Title: Escrow Agreement for Postponed Exterior Onsite Improvements, VA Form 26-1849.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0320.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1849 is provided as a service to veterans, builders/sellers, and escrow agents in situations involving onsite escrows. The escrow allows the veteran to occupy the property when specific exterior onsite improvement may have to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances such as adverse weather or other specified unavoidable conditions. For these situations, VA developed escrow procedures whereby a builder/seller deposits at least one and one-half times

the cost of completing the improvement into an escrow account held by a third party. The funds can only be used to complete the postponed improvements and are released when the improvements are completed. The information collected on VA Form 26-1849 documents a legal agreement between parties other than VA when appropriate funds must be set aside for completion of certain exterior onsite improvements.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 625 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,250.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin Hill,

Management Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0324]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 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 a veteran's eligibility or reinstatement for Government Life insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits

Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0324" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), 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.

Titles:

a. Supplemental Physical Examination Report, VA Form 29-8146.
b. Attending Physician's Statement, VA Form 29-8158.

c. Supplemental Physical Examination Report (Diabetes—Physician's Report), VA Form 29-8160.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0324.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used to obtain information regarding the physical and/or mental condition of a veteran who has submitted an application for Government Life Insurance or reinstatement of eligibility for such insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,080 hours.

a. VA Form 29-8146—750 hours.

b. VA Form 29-8158—165 hours.

c. VA Form 29-8160—165 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

a. VA Form 29-8146—45 minutes.

b. VA Form 29-8158—45 minutes.

c. VA Form 29-8160—45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,440.

- a. VA Form 29-8146—220.
- b. VA Form 29-8158—1,000.
- c. VA Form 29-8160—220.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin Hill,

Management Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0605]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, 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 Office of General Counsel (OGC), 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 April 27, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0605."

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. 2900-0605" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Accreditation as a Claims Agent, VA Form 21a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0605.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Applicants seeking accreditation as claims agents to represent benefits claimants before Department of Veterans Affairs must complete VA Form 21a. The applicant is

required to file the application with VA General Counsel to establish initial eligibility for accreditation. The information requested is necessary to establish the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements, *e.g.*, good character and reputation which includes basic identifying information, information concerning past representation, military service, employment, criminal activity and mental health of the applicant. VA uses the information to determine the applicant's eligibility for accreditation as a claims agent.

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 December 23, 2004, at page 76976.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Management Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0114]

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.