

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of AmeriCorps, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on July 31, 2023 at 49453–49454. This comment period ended September 29, 2023. No public comments were received from this Notice. On September 12, 2023, AmeriCorps led a focus group with 9 individuals to discuss the burden of the AmeriCorps Application Questions. The participants in the focus group were a mix of VISTA sponsors, and grantees from AmeriCorps Seniors, AmeriCorps State and National, and Volunteer Initiatives. Participants agreed that AmeriCorps requests a lot of data in its application but does not communicate its intentions for the information collected. They further agreed that AmeriCorps should more clearly communicate to those who complete this information collection why it requires the level of data collection it asks for. While the application lists a burden of 6 hours to complete the application questions, participants agreed the actual time spent completing the application is significantly longer. For this reason, we have extended the time burden to 40 hours per applicant. The application instructions are often circular, referring back to one another, and applicants have to frequently refer back to them (NOFO, guidance, application instructions). Participants told AmeriCorps that navigating these materials in order to complete this information collection is extremely burdensome and frustrating. Their additional suggestions for minimizing the burden to the public include: replacing eGrants, providing a

word limit per section rather than a page limit, and providing clear checklists of “must-do” items and criteria to help guide applicants through the process in a more concrete way. While many of these changes are not currently possible in eGrants, these comments will help inform improvements to the forthcoming grants management system.

Title of Collection: AmeriCorps Application Questions.

OMB Control Number: 3045–0187.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents/Affected Public: Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 13,200.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 528,000.

Abstract: The generic application questions are used by applicants for funding through AmeriCorps competitions. The application is completed electronically using the Agency's web-based grants management system or submitted via email. AmeriCorps seeks to renew the current information collection without revisions. The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. AmeriCorps also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on October 30, 2023.

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Chief Program Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2024 Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS 2024) Main Study Revision

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245–6347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2024 Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS 2024) Main Study Revision.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0888.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10,820.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 11,347.

Abstract: The Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) is an international survey of teachers and principals focusing on the working conditions of teachers and the teaching and learning practices in schools. The United States will administer TALIS for the third time in 2024, having participated in 2013 and 2018. TALIS 2024 is sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). TALIS is steered

by the TALIS Governing Board (TGB), comprising representatives from the OECD member countries, and implemented internationally by organizations contracted by the OECD (referred to as the International consortium). In the U.S., TALIS 2024 is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

TALIS 2024 is focused on teachers; professional environment, teaching conditions, and their impact on school and teacher effectiveness. TALIS 2024 will address teacher training and professional development, teacher appraisal, school climate, school leadership, instructional approaches, pedagogical practices, and teaching experience with and support for teaching diverse populations.

OECD has scheduled the main study to occur in the Northern hemisphere from February through March 2024 and in the Southern hemisphere from June through August 2024. To prepare for the main study, several TALIS countries will conduct pilot studies in February 2022; the U.S. will not participate. Countries will also conduct a field test in the first quarter of 2023, primarily to evaluate newly developed questionnaire items and school recruitment materials; the U.S. will participate in the field test. To meet the international data collection schedule for the field test, U.S. recruitment activities need to begin by August 2022 and U.S. questionnaires must be finalized by December 2022.

TALIS 2024 includes the core TALIS teacher and principal surveys that are required for each participating country, as well as an optional Teacher Knowledge Survey (TKS). The TKS is intended to better understand the teacher pedagogical knowledge base at the national level. The U.S. is including the TKS in the upcoming TALIS 2024 field test and will evaluate these results to determine the feasibility of including TKS as part of the US Main Study.

The previous submission (OMB #1850-0888 v.8) requested approval for: (1) recruitment and pre-survey activities for the 2023 field test sample; (2) administration of the field test; and (3) school recruitment and pre-survey activities for the 2024 main study sample. That package was approved in August 2022. This submission requests approval for the final international versions of the principal and teacher instruments approved for the TALIS 2024 Field Test. The final U.S. adaptations of the 2024 core TALIS and TKS field test questionnaires that will be administered in the TALIS 2024 U.S. Field Test will be submitted to OMB as

a non-substantive change request in Winter 2022/23.

Dated: October 24, 2023.

Stephanie Valentine,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0184]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Application for the Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2023-SCC-0184. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection

activities, please contact Evan Skloot, 202-453-6515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Application for the Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program.

OMB Control Number: 1810-0737.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 32.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 620.

Abstract: This is a request for a revision to the Educational Flexibility program application to include the annual reporting template. The Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) program is authorized under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and was reauthorized by section 9207 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Ed-Flex program allows the Secretary to authorize a State educational agency (SEA) that serves an eligible State to waive statutory or regulatory requirements applicable to one or more the included programs for any local educational agency (LEAs), educational service agency, or school within the State. Section 4(a)(3) of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of