

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: Required Proprietary Institution Certification Form.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0855.

Type of Review: Extension.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,757.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 879.

Abstract: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides funding for proprietary institutions of higher education, to be used solely to make financial aid grants directly to students, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. This collection includes required certifications that must be completed by proprietary institutions seeking funding under this statute.

Additional Information: The Department received emergency clearance for this information collection in order to issue awards in a timely manner. Due to the heightened risk associated with proprietary institutions, the Department determined it necessary to obtain additional certifications prior to making further awards under the (a)(4) funding stream. Without approval of the Required Proprietary Institution Certifications form, the Department would have been forced to delay making ARP (a)(4) awards to these institutions. Delay of ARP (a)(4) awards would be particularly problematic, as Congress has designated these funds as being solely directed to emergency financial aid grants to students at these institutions.

Dated: May 25, 2021.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2021–SCC–0080]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Voluntary Decline of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Form

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct an emergency review of a new information collection.

DATES: OMB approved this information collection under emergency processing on May 10, 2021. A regular clearance process is also hereby being initiated. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 27, 2021.

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–2021–SCC–0080. 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, ED 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 by fax or email and those 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 Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Karen Epps, 202–453–6337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), 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. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education 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: Voluntary Decline of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Form.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0856.

Type of Review: Extension.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 125.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 63.

Abstract: Funding for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) is provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116–260) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117–2). Institutions eligible for funding under these statutes may elect to voluntarily decline all or a portion of their HEERF grant awards, in which case the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) will then de-obligate the funds from the institution's G5 account and will later redistribute the funds to other institutions with greater needs due to the coronavirus. In order to process the de-obligation and redistribution of these funds more efficiently, the Department is requesting approval of a short form that will allow these institutions to provide the Department with information regarding the funds being declined.

Additional Information: The Department received emergency clearance for this information collection in order to issue awards in a timely

manner. Due to the heightened risk associated with proprietary institutions, the Department determined it necessary to obtain additional certifications prior to making further awards under the (a)(4) funding stream. Without approval of the Required Proprietary Institution Certifications form, the Department would have been forced to delay making ARP (a)(4) awards to these institutions. Delay of ARP (a)(4) awards would be particularly problematic, as Congress has designated these funds as being solely directed to emergency financial aid grants to students at these institutions.

Dated: May 25, 2021.

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PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board Annual Meeting.

DATES: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Virtual via Zoom.

The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rlF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a virtual annual meeting of the EAC Standards Board to conduct regular business, discuss EAC updates and upcoming programs, and discuss the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0 next steps.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board will hold their 2021 Annual Meeting primarily to discuss next steps regarding the recently approved VMSG 2.0 Requirements, including the VMSG 2.0 lifecycle policy. This meeting will

include a question and answer discussion between board members and EAC staff.

Board members will also review FACA Board membership guidelines and policies with EAC General Counsel and receive a general update about the EAC from the Executive Director including potential new and updated EAC programing for the coming year. Board members will also discuss and provide input on the National Institute of Standards and Technology's portion of the March 7, 2021 Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting. The Board will also elect new members to the Executive Board Committee and consider amendments to the Bylaws.

Background: On February 10, 2021 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announced the adoption of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0; the VMSG 2.0 is the fifth iteration of national level voting system standards. The Federal Election Commission published the first two sets of federal standards in 1990 and 2002. The EAC then adopted Version 1.0 of the VMSG on December 13, 2005. In an effort to update and improve version 1.0 of the VMSG, on March 31, 2015, the EAC commissioners unanimously approved VMSG 1.1.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

Amanda Joiner,

Associate Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors Annual Meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:00–4:00 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Virtual via Zoom.

The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rlF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202)-897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a virtual annual meeting of the Board of Advisors to conduct regular business and discuss the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 next steps.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Board of Advisors will hold their 2021 Annual Meeting primarily to discuss next steps regarding the recently approved VMSG 2.0 Requirements, including the VMSG 2.0 lifecycle policy and manual enhancements. This meeting will include a question and answer discussion between board members and EAC staff.

Board members will also review FACA Board membership guidelines and policies with EAC General Counsel and receive a general update about the EAC from the Executive Director. Board members will also discuss and provide input on the National Institute of Standards and Technology's portion of the March 7, 2021 Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting. The Board will also elect new members to the Executive Board Committee and consider amendments to the Bylaws.

Background: On February 10, 2021 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announced the adoption of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0; the VMSG 2.0 is the fifth iteration of national level voting system standards. The Federal Election Commission published the first two sets of federal standards in 1990 and 2002. The EAC then adopted Version 1.0 of the VMSG on December 13, 2005. In an effort to update and improve version 1.0 of the VMSG, on March 31, 2015, the EAC commissioners unanimously approved VMSG 1.1.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

Amanda Joiner,

Associate Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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