

information on the safety performance of new vehicles to assist consumers with vehicle purchasing decisions and to encourage safety improvements. This proposed collection of information specifically seeks to evaluate design and consumer information improvements to the Government 5-Star Safety Ratings section of the Monroney label. NHTSA's website is accessible and 508-compliant so that vehicle safety information is available and may benefit the purchasing decisions of everyone, including those with disabilities.

(2) *David DeVeau, DEVCO Design & Development: Consideration for a title and summary for the consumer research that is not restricted to the number of stars and is inclusive of the test results of conditions at speed.*

Response: The title of the proposed consumer research is based on the New Car Assessment Program's (NCAP) current consumer program, the Government 5-Star Safety Ratings. NHTSA began using the 5-Star Safety Ratings system in 1993 to help consumers make informed safety choices when buying new or used vehicles. The proposed research seeks to evaluate a variety of label concepts to explore both graphical and text-based communications as potential modifications to the Government 5-Star Safety Ratings section of the Monroney label with the intent of finding the most effective way to display information related to vehicle safety. The research will also explore whether consumers prefer ratings using a 5-Star system (1–5 stars), a numerical value or numerical scale. If research findings determine that consumers prefer the presentation of ratings in an alternative way, NHTSA will explore further research which may have implications for changes to the title of the consumer program.

(3) *NTSB: Concerns about the proposed collection of information lacking specificity about crash avoidance and other technology to be included in the evaluated labels and consideration for performance ratings for vulnerable road user protection systems.*

Response: As NHTSA has done in the past, there are two separate tracks for NHTSA efforts to upgrade NCAP. One track is the development of NHTSA's planned changes to NCAP—which is still ongoing, and the Agency intends to seek public comment on its proposal later in 2021. This track includes specific information about the crash avoidance and other technologies that NHTSA is considering including in NCAP such as performance thresholds, testing crash avoidance features, and developing a rating system that would

compare all of those features. The other track is the rulemaking proceeding to update the safety ratings section on the Monroney label, which is the visualization of the safety performance information that would be available to consumers. NHTSA conducts comprehensive consumer research to inform its rulemakings to update the visualization of NCAP's rating information that would be included on the Monroney label. This consumer research does not focus on the details of the underlying rating system or any substantive changes to NCAP. Instead, NHTSA plans to use this consumer research to determine how to best convey vehicle safety rating information, including crash avoidance technologies, to the public. This 60-day notice initiates the multi-phase consumer research that NHTSA intends to use to inform its future update to the Monroney label. NHTSA is mindful in its development of a new rating system and accompanying visualization of the rating system through the Monroney label of the flexibility necessary to allow the agency to regularly update NCAP while also minimizing the number of rulemaking actions needed each time the agency incorporates a new technology or program in NCAP.

(4) *Center for Auto Safety: Defining NCAP testing regimen before designing new safety labels.*

Response: Similar to the explanation provided to NTSB's comment, there are two separate tracks for upgrading NCAP and upgrading the visualization of NCAP rating information on the Monroney label. Defining the NCAP testing regimen will be part of the first track, which will be detailed in upcoming requests for comments to upgrade NCAP. The consumer research efforts focus more on the consumer understanding of the safety information on the Monroney label and what NHTSA disseminates to the public. Also, due to the limited area on the Monroney label, the consumer research will help guide NHTSA on which visualization would best convey complex safety information to the public in a more consumer-friendly and flexible approach that is intended to minimize the number of rulemaking actions to update the Monroney label after future NCAP upgrades.

Public Comments Invited: The results of this research will be used to inform labeling requirement proposals and communications for the New Car Assessment Program, also known as the Government 5-Star Safety Ratings Program. You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (1) whether the

proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29.

Issued on: November 16, 2021.

Juliette Marie Vallese,

Associate Administrator, Office of Communications and Consumer Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Publication of the tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2022 as required by the Internal Revenue Code. Tier 2 taxes on railroad employees, employers, and employee representatives are one source of funding for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act.

DATES: The tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2022 apply to compensation paid in calendar year 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Edmondson, CC:EEE:EOET:ET1, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, Telephone Number (202) 317–6798 (not a toll-free number).

Tier 2 Tax Rates: The tier 2 tax rate for 2022 under section 3201(b) on employees is 4.9 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2022 under section 3221(b) on employers is 13.1 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2022 under section 3211(b) on employee representatives is 13.1 percent of compensation.

Dated: November 9, 2021.

Rachel D. Levy,

Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits, Exempt Organizations and Employment Taxes).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0618]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application by Insured Terminally Ill Person for Accelerated Benefit; Withdrawn

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On November 5, 2021 the Veterans Benefits Administration (VA), published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection Application by Insured Terminally Ill Person for Accelerated Benefit Form SGLI 8284. This notice was published in error; therefore, this document corrects that error by withdrawing this FR notice, document number 2021–24223.

DATES: As of November 15, 2021, the FR notice published at 86 FR 61400 on Friday, November 5, 2021, is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FR Doc. 2021–24223, published on November 5, 2021 (86 FR 61400), is withdrawn by this notice.

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

[OMB Control No. 2900–0353]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Certification of Lessons Completed

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 January 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at 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. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0353” 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), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0353” 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: 38 U.S.C. 3032(d), 3034, 3241, 3323, 3474, 3481, 3484, 3534(b), 3680(b), 3684, 3686(a), and 10 U.S.C 16131(e), and chapter 31 section 510., and 38 CFR 21.4203(e), 21.4206, 21.5200(d) & (g), 21.7140(c)(3), 21.7159, 21.7640(a)(4), 21.7659, and 21.9720.

Title: Certification of Lessons Completed.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0353.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses information from the current collection to determine the number of lessons completed by the student and serviced by the correspondence school, and to determine the date of completion or termination of correspondence training. VA pays education benefits based on the information furnished on the form. Without this information, VA would be unable to determine the proper payment or the student’s training status.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 103 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 616.

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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