

student loans and TEACH Grant service obligations are contained in 34 CFR 685.213 for the Direct Loan Program, 34 CFR 682.402(c) for the FFEL Program, 34 CFR 674.61(b) for the Perkins Loan Program, and 34 CFR 686.42(b) for the TEACH Grant Program. A final rule published on November 1, 2022 (87 FR 65904) made changes to the TPD discharge regulations, including an expansion of the types of SSA disability determinations that qualify a borrower or TEACH Grant recipient for TPD discharge; elimination of the requirement for borrowers who receive TPD discharges based on SSA determinations or a physician's certification to provide documentation of their annual earnings from employment during the 3-year post-discharge monitoring period; and expansion of the categories of medical professionals who may certify an individual's TPD discharge application which necessitate the revision of this information collection.

The Department received emergency clearance on June 28, 2023 since normal processing would not enable the Department to implement the required regulatory changes by July 1, 2023, resulting in several months of delays in providing eligible borrowers with the benefits of the amended TPD discharge regulations and not meeting the requirements of the Master Calendar. Any delay in discharging loans for eligible borrowers would increase the potential for public harm through delayed financial relief to borrowers who would qualify for discharge of their loans under the terms of the amended regulations. As a result, in order to meet the July 1, 2023, implementation date as required by the Master Calendar, the Department requested that OMB approve the collection associated with the implementation of the TPD discharge forms using the emergency clearance procedures. This notice allows the public to comment on the full ICR under the 60-day comment period.

Dated: July 5, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0074]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; HEERF No Cost Extension Request Form

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 9, 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](http://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 Karen Epps, 202-453-6337.

**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:* HEERF No Cost Extension Request Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840-0864.

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, local, and Tribal governments; private sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 720.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 360.

**Abstract:** The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorizes the Secretary of Education to allocate formula grant funds to participating institutions of higher education (IHEs) to address impacts of COVID-19. To date, the Department has made over 18,000 awards to over 5,100 IHEs totaling \$76.3 billion. In both volume of grants and amount of funding, HEERF is one of the largest grant programs in agency history.

On June 30, 2023, the project period for most HEERF grants will end and any remaining unliquidated grant funds will be returned to Treasury. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.308(e)(2) and 34 CFR 75.261(a), grantees have the option to receive up to a twelve-month No-Cost Extension (NCE) of their grant project periods. The Department is requesting approval of an information collection to allow for HEERF grantees to request an extension beyond June 30, 2023, and ensure that grantees have a thought-out plan for using their remaining HEERF grant funds to address the lingering effects and impacts related to COVID-19.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0119]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Loan Discharge Applications (DL/FFEL/ Perkins)

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), 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 revision of a