

g. Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Equal Opportunity Law, VA Form 10-0144A—7 minutes.

h. Per Diem for Adult Day Health Care of Veterans in State Homes, 38 CFR Part 52, and Per Diem for Nursing Home Care of Veterans in State Homes, 38 CFR Parts 17, 51, and 48—7 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 43,157.

a. State Home Inspection—Staffing Profile, VA Form 10-3567—171.

b. State Home Report and Statement of Federal Aid Claimed, VA Form 10-5588—171.

c. State Home Program Application for Veterans Care—Medical Certification, VA Form 10-10SH—21,129.

d. Department of Veterans Affairs Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements for Grantees Other Than Individuals, VA Form 10-0143—171.

e. Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, VA Form 10-0143A—171.

f. Certification Regarding Lobbying, VA Form 10-0144—171.

g. Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Equal Opportunity Law, VA Form 10-0144A—171.

h. Per Diem for Adult Day Health Care of Veterans in State Homes, 38 CFR Part 52, and Per Diem for Nursing Home Care of Veterans in State Homes, 38 CFR Parts 17, 51, and 48—21,002.

Dated: July 28, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Jacqueline Parks,**

*IT Specialist, Records Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0180]

### 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 *et seq.*), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 19, 2003.

**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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0180."

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. 2900-0180" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Compliance Report of Proprietary Institutions, VA Form 20-4274.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0180.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 20-4274 is used to determine whether or not proprietary educational institutions receiving Federal financial assistance are in compliance with applicable civil rights statutes and regulations. The collected information is used to identify areas that may indicate, statistically, disparate treatment of minority group members.

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 April 1, 2003, at pages 15799-15800.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Federal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 155 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 75 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 124.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Jacqueline Parks,**

*IT Specialist, Records Management Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0001]

### 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 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, dependency, and income, as appropriate, for compensation and/or pension benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0001" 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 (Public Law 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.

*Title:* Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension, VA Form 21-526.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0001.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* This form is used as an original application for veterans to apply for compensation and/or pension benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 592,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 1 hour and 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 395,000.

Dated: July 29, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Jacqueline Parks,**

*IT Specialist, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0465]

### 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 for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine an individual's continued entitlement to VA benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465" 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 (Public Law 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.

*Title:* Student Verification of Enrollment, VA Form 22-8979.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0465.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 22-8979 is used by students in certifying attendance and continued enrollment in courses leading to a standard college degree or in non-college degree programs. The form obtains certification of actual attendance by the student and verification of that student's continued enrollment before VA release payment. The student is required to submit the verification on a monthly basis to allow for a frequent, periodic release of payment.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 45,475 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 1½ minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 333,333.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,000,000.

Dated: July 29, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

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