

accordance with Title 20 CFR part 29, the Labor Standards for Apprenticeship Programs Registration, currently expiring April 30, 2015.

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Michael Qualter, Chief, Division of Program Administration and Management Services, Office of Apprenticeship, Room N-5311, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3812 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Fax: 202-693-3799. Email: qualter.michael@dol.gov. To obtain a copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), please contact the person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Apprenticeship Act of 1937, Section 50 (29 U.S.C. 50), authorizes and directs the Secretary of Labor “to formulate and promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, to extend the application of such standards by encouraging the inclusion thereof in contracts of apprenticeship, to bring together employers and labor for the formulation of programs of apprenticeship, to cooperate with State agencies engaged in the formulation and promotion of standards of apprenticeship, and to cooperate with the Secretary of Education in accordance with Section 17 of Title 20.” Section 50a of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Labor to “publish information relating to existing and proposed labor standards of apprenticeship,” and to “appoint national advisory committees . . .” (29 U.S.C. 50a). The form approved by the Office of Management and Budget used to collect labor standards information is ETA 617, Program Registration, Section I, and Apprentice Registration, Section II. Both sections of ETA 671 are available electronically to facilitate the registration of programs and apprentices. ETA is requesting a regular three-year extension with a minor change to the current information collection. The proposed change to ETA 671 is under Program Definitions and/or Instructions, Part A, 7b. In the instructions, the definition of Direct

Entry has been modified to include pre-apprenticeship training programs that meet the requirements outlined in Training and Employment Notice 13-12: “Defining a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program.”

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, 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 used;
- enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension with minor addition to definition section.

Title: Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs.

OMB Number: 1205-0223.

Affected Public: individuals/ households, state/local/tribal governments, Federal government, private sector (businesses or other for-profits, and, not-for-profit institutions)

Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 141,779.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 141,779.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,775.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: 0.

We will summarize and include in the request for OMB approval of the ICR, the comments received in response to this comment request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Portia Wu,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request Information Collection for OMB 1205-0164, ETA 204, Experience Rating Report; Extension Without Revision

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension, without change, of the Experience Rating Report, Form ETA 204.

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before January 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Edward M. Dullaghan, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2927 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: dullaghan.edward@dol.gov. To obtain a copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), please contact the person above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The data submitted annually on the ETA 204 report enables the Employment and Training Administration to project revenues for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program on a state-by-state basis and to measure the variations in assigned contribution rates which

result from different experience rating systems. Used in conjunction with other data, the ETA 204 assists in determining the effects of certain factors (e.g., stabilization, expansion, or contraction in employment, etc.) on the unemployment experience of various groups of employers. The data also provide an early signal for potential solvency problems and are useful in analyzing factors which give rise to these potential problems and permit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the various approaches available to correct the detected problems. The report collects annual information about the taxation efforts in states relative to both taxable and total wages and allows comparison between states. Further, the data are key components to the Significant Tax Measures Report. The Significant Tax Measures Report provides the information necessary to evaluate and compare state UI tax systems.

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- * Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, 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 used;
- * enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- * 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Title: Experience Rating Report.
OMB Number: 1205-0164.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Estimated Total Annual Respondents: 53.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13 Hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be

summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

Portia Wu,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for O*NET Data Collection Program, Extension of Currently Approved Collection With Minor Revisions

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)] (PRA). The PRA helps ensure that respondents can provide requested data in the desired format with minimal reporting burden (time and financial resources), collection instruments are clearly understood and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the O*NET (Occupational Information Network) Data Collection Program (expires June 30, 2015). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.onetcenter.org/ombclearance.html>

DATES: Submit written comments to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Lauren Fairley Wright, Division of National Programs, Tools and Technical Assistance, Room C4526, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3731 (this

is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Fax: 202-693-3015. Email: wright.lauren@dol.gov. To obtain a copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR), you may email the person listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The O*NET Data Collection Program is an ongoing effort to collect and maintain current information on the detailed characteristics of occupations and skills for more than 900 occupations. The resulting database provides the most comprehensive standardized source of occupational and skills information in the nation. O*NET information is used by a wide range of audiences, including individuals making career decisions, public agencies and schools providing career exploration services or education and training programs, and businesses making staffing and training decisions. The O*NET system provides a common language, framework and database to meet the administrative needs of various federal programs, including workforce investment and training programs supported by funding from the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Section 308 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires the Secretary of Labor to oversee the "development, maintenance, and continuous improvement of a nationwide workforce and labor market information system" which shall include, among other components, "skill trends by occupation and industry." The O*NET database provides:

- Detailed information for more than 900 occupations.
- Descriptive information using standardized descriptors for skills, abilities, interests, knowledge, work values, education, training, work context, and work activities.
- Occupational coding based on the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

Several minor questionnaire changes for the Knowledge Questionnaire and the Background Questionnaire are pending in this submission. These changes are described in detail in Appendix A of the proposed Information Collection Request. These changes do not represent an increase in respondent burden.

The O*NET electronic database and related O*NET products and tools have