

information, including each proposed reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the proper payee for certain accrued benefits upon the death of a beneficiary.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 6, 2002.

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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0064" 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 (Pub. L. 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: Application for Amounts Due Estates of Person Entitled to Benefits, VA Form 21-609.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0064.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The form is used to gather information to determine the individual(s) who may be entitled to accrued benefits of deceased beneficiaries.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 375 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0055]

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, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information to determine the eligibility of a surviving spouse of a veteran for VA home loan benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 6, 2002.

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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0055" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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Title: Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unmarried Surviving Spouses, VA Form 26-1817.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0055.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Title 38, U.S.C. 3701(b)(2) authorizes VA to extend home loan benefits to unmarried surviving spouses of veterans whose death (1) occurred either while serving on active duty or (2) were a direct result of service-connected disabilities. The unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran completes VA Form 26-1817 as a formal request for a certificate of eligibility for home loan benefits. The information is used to determine the applicant's basic eligibility for the benefit.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0009]

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 April 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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. 2900-0009" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0009."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation, VA Form 28-1900.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0009.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Service-connected disabled veterans and servicepersons awaiting discharge for disability use VA Form 29-1900 to apply for vocational rehabilitation benefits. The application obtains information needed to evaluate an applicant's claim for benefits.

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 November 30, 2001, at pages 59841-59842.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54,000.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0029]

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 April 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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. 2900-0029" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0029."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles

- Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705.
- Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b.
- Addendum to Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705d.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0029.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract

- VA Form 26-6705 is used by the private sector sales broker to submit an

offer to VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property. The form is prepared for each proposed contract submitted to VA. If VA accepts the offer to purchase, it then becomes a contract of sale. The form defines the terms of sale, provides the prospective purchaser with a receipt for his/her earnest money deposit, eliminates the need for separate transmittal of a purchase offer and develops the contract without such intermediate processing steps and furnishes evidence of the station decision with respect to the acceptance of the contract as tendered. Without this information, a determination of the best offer for a property cannot be made.

b. VA Form 26-6705b is used as a credit application to determine the creditworthiness of a prospective purchaser in those instances when the prospective purchaser seeks VA vendee financing, along with VA Form 26-6705. In such sales, the offer to purchase will not be accepted until the purchaser's income and credit history have been verified and a loan analysis has been completed, indicating loan approval.

c. VA Form 26-6705d is an addendum to VA Form 26-6705 for use in Virginia. It includes requirements of State law, which must be acknowledged by the purchaser at or prior to closing.

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 December 10, 2001, at pages 63746-63747.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 57,917 hours.

- VA Form 26-6705—35,000 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705b—22,500 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705d—417 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 20 minutes (average).

- VA Form 26-6705—21 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705b—20 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705d—5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total

Respondents: 172,500.

- VA Form 26-6705—100,000.
- VA Form 26-6705b—67,500.
- VA Form 26-6705d—5,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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