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**Title of Collection:** Student Assistance General Provision—Subpart E—Verification Student Aid Application Information.

**OMB Control Number:** 1845–0041.

**Type of Review:** A revision of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private Sector; Individuals or Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 25,180,342.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 4,048,184.

**Abstract:** This request is for a revision of the information collection supporting the policies and reporting requirements contained in Subpart E of Part 668—Verification and Updating of Student Aid Application Information. Sections 668.53, 668.54, 668.55, 668.56, 668.57, 668.59 and 668.61 contain information collection requirements (OMB control number 1845–0041). This subpart governs the verification and updating of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid used to calculate an applicant's Expected Family Contribution for purposes of determining an applicant's need for student financial assistance under Title IV of Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The collection of this documentation helps ensure that students (and parents in the case of PLUS loans) receive the correct amount of Title IV program assistance by providing accurate information to calculate an applicant's expected family contribution. There has been no change to the regulatory language.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2019–ICCD–0150]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart J—Approval of Independently Administered Tests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Federal Student Aid (FSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is

proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 2, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2019–ICCD–0150. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 6W–208D, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education 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:** Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart J—Approval of Independently Administered Tests.

**OMB Control Number:** 1845–0049.

**Type of Review:** An extension of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Private Sector; Individuals or Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 48,779.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 6,340.

**Abstract:** This request is for an extension without change of the approval for the reporting and recordkeeping requirements that are contained in the information collection 1845–0049 for Student Assistance General Provision in the regulations in Subpart J—Approval of Independently Administered Tests; Specification of Passing Score; Approval of State Process. There are no forms or formats established by the Department for the reporting or recordkeeping requirements. These regulations govern the application for and approval by the Secretary of assessments by a private test publisher or State that are used to measure a student's skills and abilities. The administration of approved ability to benefit (ATB) tests may be used to determine a student's eligibility for assistance for the Title IV student financial assistance programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) when, among other conditions, the student does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent. The language of the current statute and regulations have not changed.

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