

concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 7, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0500" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny S. Green at (202) 421-1354.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

*Authority:* 38 U.S.C. 501.

*Title:* Mandatory Verification of Dependents (VA Form 21-0538).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0500.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-0538 is used to request verification of the status of dependents for whom additional compensation is being paid to veterans. Without this information, continued entitlement to the benefits for dependents could not be determined.

VA Form 21-0538 has been revised; (1) letter template removed as it was a duplicate of a VA cover letter already in

use, (2) the title has been changed from 'Mandatory Status of Dependents' to *Mandatory Verification of Dependents*, (3) Section II: Status Certification, was added to help delineate whether the veteran is needed to provide additional information on the status of their dependents, or not, (4) the form was changed to include *removals only* as these are dependents that have already been previously added to the veteran's benefits, as another collection is used to add dependents, and (5) an e-signature has been added to provide a digital format for online signatures. The burden estimate has also been decreased.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 29,233 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 175,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0875]

### Agency Information Collection

#### Activity: VA-Guaranteed Home Loan Cash-Out Refinance Loan Comparison Disclosure

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular

information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0875".

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email [danny.green2@va.gov](mailto:danny.green2@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0875" in any correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Authority:* Public Law 115-174; 38 CFR 36.4306.

*Title:* VA-Guaranteed Home Loan Cash-out Refinance Loan Comparison Disclosure

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0875.

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

*Abstract:* All-VA guaranteed cash-out refinancing loans must comply with the Act and AQ42. All refinancing loan applications taken on or after the effective date that do not meet the following requirements may be subject to indemnification or the removal of the guaranty. Failure to provide initial disclosures to the Veteran within 3 business days from the initial application date and at closing may result in indemnification of the loan up to 5 years. There are three categories of refinance loans; Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loans (IRRRL), TYPE I Cash-Out Refinance, and TYPE II Cash-Out Refinance.

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 at 85 FR, 130 on July 7, 2020, pages 40737 and 40738.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 12,480 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 158,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

*VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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