

information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• *Fax:* 202–395–5806. *Attention:* Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stefanie Claus, who may be reached at (202) 663–2910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application (DS–160) will be used to collect biographical and other information from individuals seeking a nonimmigrant visa. The consular officer uses the information collected to determine the applicant's eligibility for a visa. This collection combines questions from current information collections DS–156 (Nonimmigrant Visa Application), DS–157 (Nonimmigrant Supplemental Visa Application), and the DS–158 (Contact Information and Work History Application).

Methodology

The DS–160 will be submitted electronically to the Department via the Internet. The applicant will be instructed to print a confirmation page containing a bar-coded record locator, which will be scanned at the time of processing. Applicants who submit the electronic application will no longer submit paper-based applications to the Department.

Dated: December 1, 2010.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7265]

60–Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Forms DS–2053, DS–2054; Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant; DS–3024, DS–3030, Chest X–Ray and Classification Worksheet; DS–3025, Vaccination Documentation Worksheet; DS–3026; Medical History and Physical Examination Worksheet; OMB Control Number 1405–0113

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Electronic Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0113.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Visa Services (CA/VO).
- *Form Numbers:* DS–2053, DS–2054, DS–3024, DS–3025, DS–3026, and DS–3030.
- *Respondents:* Immigrant visa and refugee applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 630,000 per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 630,000 per year.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 630,000 hours annually.
- *Frequency:* Once per application.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain Benefit.

DATE(S): The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 14, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* clausr@state.gov.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services—OMB 1405–0113 Reauthorization, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520–30106.

• *Fax:* (202) 663–3898.

You must include the DS form number(s) (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Stefanie Claus of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L–603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663–2910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

INA Section 221(d) requires that prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa the applicant undergo a physical and mental examination. The results of the medical examination are used to determine the alien's eligibility for such a visa under INA 212(a)(1). INA Section 412(b)(4)(B) requires that the United States Government “provide for the identification of refugees who have been determined to have medical conditions affecting the public health and requiring treatment.” Form DS–2053, Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant (1991 Technical Instructions); Form DS–2054, Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant (2007 Technical Instructions); Form DS–3024, Chest X–Ray and Classification Worksheet (1991 Technical Instructions); Form DS–3030, Chest X–Ray and Classification Worksheet (2007 Technical Instructions); Form DS–3025, Vaccination Documentation Worksheet; Form DS–3026, Medical History and Physical Examination Worksheet, are designed to record the results of the medical examination. The panel physician performs the medical examination of the applicant and completes the forms. Medical exams may also be required occasionally for nonimmigrant visa applicants.

Methodology

The electronic medical forms will be submitted electronically to the Department. Doctors who submit the

medical information electronically will no longer submit paper-based forms to the Department. It is the intention of the Department to discontinue the paper versions as this electronic submission option is made available to all panel physicians worldwide.

At posts that continue in the short term to use the paper version of the medical forms, panel physicians will keep copies of the form at their offices. The completed forms are then submitted in hard copy to the consular officer for processing.

Dated: November 29, 2010.

David T. Donahue,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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2011 Notice of Rights and Protections Available Under the Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws

Monday, November 29, 2010.

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: No FEAR Act Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice implements Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No Fear Act of 2002). It is the annual obligation for Federal agencies to notify all employees, former employees, and applicants for Federal employment of their rights and protections available to them under the Federal Anti-discrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caffin Gordon, Associate Director of Policy, Education, and Quality Control Division, S-35, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W78-312, Washington, DC 20590, 202-366-4648. You can also reach Caffin Gordon by e-mail at caffin.gordon@dot.gov, or else via TTY/TDD at (202) 366-8538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may retrieve this document online 24 hours a day 365 days a year through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Electronic retrieval instructions are available under the help section of the Web site. An

electronic copy is also available for download from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

No Fear Act Notice

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," now recognized as the No FEAR Act (Pub. L. 107-174). One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws" (Pub. L. 107-174, Summary). In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination" (Pub. L. 107-174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1)). The Act also requires the Agency to provide notice to all its Federal employees, former Federal employees, and applicants for Federal employment. This notice is to inform you of the rights and protections available to you under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency cannot discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, sex (including equal payment of wages and benefits, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 and over), disability, marital status, or political affiliation. Discrimination under these bases is strictly prohibited by the following statutes: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1) 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 206(d), and 29 U.S.C. 79142 U.S.C. 2000e-16.

If you believe you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the bases of race, color, religion, sex (including equal payment of wages and benefits, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 and over), and/or disability you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. In the case of a personnel action, you must contact the counselor within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action to try and resolve the matter informally, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency (*See, e.g.,* 29 CFR part 1614).

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination based on age, you must contact an EEO counselor as noted above or give notice

of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. As an alternative to filing a complaint pursuant to 29 CFR part 1614, an aggrieved individual may file a civil action in a United States District Court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) against the head of an alleged discriminating agency after giving the Commission not less than 30 days notice of the intent to file such an action. File such notice in writing with the EEOC at P.O. Box 77960, Washington, DC 20013, or deliver the notice by personal/courier delivery or by facsimile within 180 days of the occurrence of the alleged unlawful practice.

If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you can file a complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (*See* Contact information below). In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through your agency's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available (*Contact Information:* Form OSC-11 is available to be filled out online at the OSC Web site (<http://www.osc.gov/index.htm>, under the filing tab). Alternatively, download the form from the same filing tab, under the OSC Forms tab, fill it out, and mail it to the Complaints Examining Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218 Washington, DC 20036-4505. You also have the option to call the Complaints Examining Unit at (800) 872-9855 for additional assistance.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless the disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or in the conduct of foreign affairs.

5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8) prohibits retaliation against an employee or