

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900-0270]****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.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0270."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Counseling Statement, VA Form 26-8844.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0270.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is part of VA's supplemental servicing program for helping veteran-borrowers who are seriously delinquent on guaranteed or insured VA home loans. In VA's supplemental servicing effort, financial counseling is performed in appropriate cases to afford veteran-borrowers the maximum assistance possible to retain their homes during periods of temporary financial difficulty. The information collected is used by VA to make recommendations to the borrower in an effort to help the borrower cure the default status of the loan.

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 September 24, 1998 at page 51120.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0029" in any correspondence.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**[OMB Control No. 2900-0463]****Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances, VA Form 21-8951.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0463.

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

Abstract: This form is used by Reserve and National Guard personnel to waive either VA benefits or military pay and allowances. The law prohibits simultaneous payment of VA compensation or pension and military pay and allowances.

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 23, 1998 at page 71194.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4833 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

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