

Dated: March 13, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Public Debt

#### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application For Issue Of United States Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company Tax And Loss Bonds.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 19, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Application For Issue Of United States Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company Tax and Loss Bonds.

*Form Number:* PD F 3871

*Abstract:* The information is used to establish and maintain Tax and Loss Bond Accounts.

*Current Actions:* The current collection is used to establish Tax and Loss Bond Accounts. The additional information will allow for Direct Deposit (ACH) for payments.

*Type of Review:* New

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0178]

#### 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 on the information needed to determine a claimant's continuing eligibility for education benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before May 16, 2000.

**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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" 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:* Monthly Certification of On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training, VA Form 22-6553d. (NOTE: A reference to VA Form 22-6553d also includes VA Form 22-6553d-1 unless otherwise specified. VA Form 22-6553d-1 contains the same information as VA Form 22-6553d.)

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0178.

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

*Abstract:* The form is used by trainees and employers to report the number of hours worked in on-the-job training programs and apprenticeships, and to report terminations of training in such programs. VA uses the information to determine whether a trainee's education benefits are to be continued, changed or terminated, and the effective date of such action. VA is authorized to pay education benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs not leading to a standard college degree under Title 38, U.S.C., Chapters 32 and 35, Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 1606, and Public Law 96-342, Section 903. Benefits are authorized

monthly based upon the number of hours worked by the trainee and verified by the training establishment. Unscheduled terminations result in termination of the award of benefits. Reduction of hours worked to less than a full-time work schedule results in reduction of benefits. The form is completed by the trainee and the training establishment to report to VA the number of hours worked and/or to report the date of termination.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 15,975 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,650.

*Number of Responses Annually:* 95,850

Dated: February 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3692, will be held on April 3 and April 4, 2000. The meeting will take place at the offices of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, 1307 New York Avenue, Washington, DC, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the evaluation of existing programs and services, and recommend needed programs and services. The focus of this meeting will be "Partnership for Veterans' Education", increasing GI Bill benefits for the 21st century, and increasing the access to Department of Veteran Affairs Regional Processing Offices by colleges.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Mr. Bill Susling, Education Policy and Program Administration, (phone 202-273-7187) prior to March 28, 2000.

Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Statements, if in written

form, may be filed before or within 10 days after the meeting. Oral statements will be heard at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will be held on March 21-23, 2000, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. All meetings will be held in conference room 230.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to meet such needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

All sessions will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Maryanne Carson, Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 273-6193. A tentative agenda follows:

#### Tuesday, March 21

8 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks  
New Member Orientation  
Dr. Linda Schwartz, Chair

8:30 a.m.

The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr.  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Presentation of Appointment Certificates

9 a.m.

Review: October 1999 Minutes  
Chair's Update  
Dr. Linda Schwartz

9:30 a.m.

Ethics Briefing  
Mr. Jeffrey Green, Office of the General Counsel

10:30 a.m.

Break

11 a.m.

Briefing: Veterans Benefits Administration  
Ms. Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary  
Mr. Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service

12 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Briefing: Veterans Health Administration  
Ms. Carole Turner, Director, Women Veterans' Health Programs

2:30 p.m.

Briefing: VA Homeless Initiative for Women Veterans  
Ms. Joan Furey, Director, Center for Women Veterans

3:15 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m.

General Discussion: Summit 2000  
Joan A. Furey, Director, Center for Women Veterans

5 p.m.

Adjourn

#### Wednesday, March 22

8:30 a.m.

Briefing: Native American Issues  
Ms. Connie Evans

9:30 a.m.

Site Visit Reports: Dr. Linda Schwartz, Chair

Tampa/Bay Pines: Doug Russell

Fayetteville: Doug Russell

Washington, DC: Joy Ilem, Karen Ray, Lory Manning

Houston: Bertha Cruz, Lois Johns

Wichita: Sherry Blede

Leavenworth: Sherry Blede

11 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m.

Video—Female Anatomy: Diseases of the Breast  
VBN Satellite Broadcast

12 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

General Discussion: 2000 Committee Report  
Letter to Secretary: delay because of Summit  
Committee Assignments  
Linda Schwartz, Chairperson

2 p.m.

Subcommittee Meetings

3:30 p.m.

Break

4 p.m.

Full Committee—Subcommittee Reports

5 p.m.

Adjourn

#### Thursday, March 23

9 a.m.

General Discussion 2000 Report

10 a.m.

General Discussion  
New Business  
Next Meeting (after Summit)

11:30 a.m.

Break

1 p.m.

Adjourn

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**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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