

Receipt of nominations will be acknowledged, nominated individuals contacted, and immediately thereafter, biographical information must be completed and returned to Ms. Jacqueline Tilghman in National Public Liaison within fifteen (15) days of receipt. In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21-03, a clearance process including pre-appointment and annual tax checks, a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal and subversive name check, and a security clearance will be conducted.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed for all appointments to the IRSAC and IRPAC in accordance with the Department of Treasury and IRS policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the IRSAC/IRPAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the IRS, membership shall include individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

Robin Marusin,

Designated Federal Official, National Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New, USAA/Hartford]

Agency Information Collection: Emergency Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health 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 United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following emergency proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)). An emergency clearance is being requested pursuant to a Settlement Agreement resolving litigation between VA and United Services Automobile Association (USAA) and Hartford Life Insurance to reimburse veterans insured by either carrier during the period from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2001 who paid copayments to VA during that

period for their VA care. OMB has been requested to act on this emergency clearance request by March 10, 2003.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before March 13, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New, USAA/Hartford."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316 or FAX (202) 395-6974. Please refer to "2900-New, USAA/Hartford."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VA Copayment Refund—USAA/Hartford Claim Form, VA Form 10-0406.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New, USAA/Hartford.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: As a result of a Settlement Agreement between VA, USAA and Hartford, VA will reimburse veterans insured by either carrier for copayments they paid to VA for their medical care from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2001. Such insured veterans will have a one year time period from the initial notification date on a first-come-first-served basis, to file claim with VA for refund of their copayments. VA Form 10-0406 will be used to collect the information and to determine the validity of such claims. If the information is not collected, VA will not be able to reimburse those insured veterans.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 12,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,000.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin L. Hill,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0178]

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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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: VA 22-6553d 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.

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 November 15, 2002, at page 69305-69306.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,100 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,400.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 120,600.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary:

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0156]

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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0156."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0156" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Change in Student Status (Under Chapter 30, 32, or 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606, Title 10, U.S.C. or Section 901 or 903 of Pub. L. 96-342), VA Form 22-1999b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0156.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-1999b is used by educational institutions to report changes in the enrollment of students in receipt of VA education benefits. The information is used to determine a student's entitlement to educational benefits or whether the benefit should be increased, decreased, or terminated. Without this information, VA might underpay or overpay benefits.

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 3, 2002, at page 72029.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 24,750 hours.

VA Form 22-1999b—13,750.

VA Form 22-1999b Electronically Filed—11,000.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

VA Form 22-1999b—5 minutes.

VA Form 22-1999b Electronically Filed—4 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,817.

Number of Responses Annually: 330,000.

VA Form 22-1999b—165,000.

VA Form 22-1999b Electronically Filed—165,000.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Ernesto Castro,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0358]

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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0358."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0358" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Supplemental Information for Change of Program or Reenrollment After Unsatisfactory Attendance, Conduct or Progress, VA Form 22-8873.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0358.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans and other eligible persons may change their program of education under conditions prescribed by Title 38 U.S.C., Section 3691. Before VA may approve benefits for a second or subsequent change of program, VA must first determine that the new program is suitable to the claimant's