

agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Services—Indianapolis, DFAS-ZPR, 8899 E 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46249, ATTN: Ms. La Zaleus D. Leach, LaZaleus.Leach@DFAS.mil, 317-212-603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Waiver/Remission of Indebtedness Application; DD Form 2789; OMB Number 0730-0009.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for current or former DoD civilian employees or military members to request waiver or remission of an indebtedness owed to the Department of Defense. Under 5 U.S.C. 5584, 10 U.S.C. 2774, and 32 U.S.C. 716, certain debts

arising out of erroneous payments may be waived. Under 10 U.S.C. 4837, 10 U.S.C. 6161, and 10 U.S.C. 9837, certain debts may be remitted. Information obtained through this form is used in adjudicating the request for waiver or remission. Remissions apply only to active duty military members, and thus are not covered under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,750.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 4,500.

Average Burden per Response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

The referenced United States Code sections on waivers provide for an avenue of relief for individuals who owe debts to the United States which resulted from erroneous payments. Criteria for waiver of a debt includes a determination that there is no indication of fraud, misrepresentation, fault, or lack of good faith on the part of the individual owing the debt or any other person interested in obtaining a waiver. Information obtained through the proposed collection is needed in order to adjudicate the waiver request under law.

Dated: February 22, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

[Docket ID USN-2018-HQ-0005]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Navy announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment Modernization (PRIDE Mod); OMB Control Number 0703-0062.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to support the U.S. Navy's process to recruit and access persons for naval service.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 60,000.

Number of Respondents: 60,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 60,000.

Average Burden per Response: 60 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are persons who wish to be considered for accession into the U.S. Navy. Respondents enter their information into the information system, or they orally provide the information to a Navy Recruiter who inputs the information on their behalf.

Dated: February 23, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Solicitation of Third-Party Comments Concerning the Performance of Accrediting Agencies; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Call for written third-party comments; extension of comment period; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 24, 2018 we published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments in connection with, *inter alia*, the Department's review of the application of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) for initial recognition and the compliance report submitted by the American Bar Association (ABA), both of which are currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The deadline for comments set forth in that notice was February 16, 2018. On February 22, 2018, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018 for the submission of comments relating to those two agencies. This notice corrects our earlier statements in those two **Federal Register** notices about the scope of the public comments.

DATES: Applicable February 28, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herman Bounds, Director, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 270-01, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453-7615, or email: herman.bounds@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On January 24, 2018 (83 FR 3335), we published in the **Federal**

Register a notice of a call for written third-party comments. That notice provided information to members of the public on submitting written comments with respect to accrediting agencies currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the Secretary of Education. That notice established a comment period beginning on January 24, 2018, and closing on February 16, 2018. On February 15, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order the effect of which was to require the Department of Education to extend the comment period relating to ACICS and ABA to March 1, 2018. (See *The Century Foundation v. Betsy Devos*, case number 18-cv-1128). Pursuant to that court order, on February 22, 2018 (83 FR 7702), we published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018, and stated that the extension was "for comments on the initial application for recognition of ACICS and the compliance report submitted by the ABA." Under the Higher Education Act, the Department solicits "third-party information concerning the performance of the accrediting agency," 20 U.S.C. 1099b(n)(1)(A), and accordingly, takes comments with regard to "the agency's compliance with the criteria for recognition." 34 CFR 602.32(a) (emphasis added). The comment process established by 34 CFR 602.32 therefore solicits comments on the accrediting agencies' performance and compliance with the criteria for recognition, and not on any applications or reports agencies may have submitted to the Department. The process does not require the commenters to have access to the specific applications or compliance reports submitted by the accrediting agencies, and the Department has not traditionally provided those materials in advance of the comment process.

This notice corrects certain language related to the comment period in both the January 24, 2018, and February 22, 2018, **Federal Register** notices. All other language and requirements from the prior notices, not amended by this notice of correction, remain the same.

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Corrections

1. In the **Federal Register** notice of February 22, 2018, on page 7702 in the second column under the heading *Summary*, correct the last sentence in the Summary to read as follows:

"Pursuant to a recent court order, we are extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018 for the submission of comments on the compliance of Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) with the criteria for recognition set forth in Subpart B of 34 CFR 602, and for the submission of comments about the compliance of the American Bar Association with the criteria for recognition cited in the Senior Department Official's September 22, 2016 letter¹ following the June 23, 2016 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>. The review of the ABA's compliance is limited to 34 CFR 602.15(a)(1), 602.15(a)(2), 602.15(a)(3), 602.16(a)(1)(viii), and 602.17(b)."

2. In the **Federal Register** notice of February 22, 2018, on page 7702 in the second column under the heading **ADDRESSES**, correct the section to read as follows:

"**ADDRESSES:** Written comments about ACICS's compliance with the criteria for recognition or the ABA's compliance with the criteria for recognition cited in the Senior Department Official's September 22, 2016 letter must be received by March 1, 2018, in the *ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov* mailbox and include the subject line 'Written Comments: (agency name).'"

3. In the **Federal Register** notice of January 24, 2018, on page 3336 in the

¹ The January 24, 2018 (83 FR 3335), **Federal Register** notice solicitation for written third-party comments relating to the ABA incorrectly identified the letter from the Senior Department Official as being dated "October 28, 2016." As noted herein, the correct date is "September 22, 2016."