

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Karen Solomon,

*Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities
Division, Office of the Comptroller of the
Currency.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
System, December 23, 1996.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 16th day of
December, 1996.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Steven F. Hanft,

*Assistant Executive Secretary (Regulatory
Analysis).*

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Office of Thrift Supervision

[No. 96-124]

Public Disclosure of Reports of Condition

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision,
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift
Supervision (OTS) revised its Thrift
Financial Report (TFR), effective June,
1996. The revisions to the TFR format
do not affect the availability of
information contained in the TFR. Most
information collected in the TFR will
continue to be publicly available
pursuant to section 5(v) of the Home
Owners' Loan Act. Information in
certain previously identified areas will
continue to not be available to the
public because the Director of OTS has
determined that the disclosure of such
items would not be in the public
interest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Patrick G. Berbakos, Director, Financial
Reporting Division, (202) 906-6720,
Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G
Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant
to section 5(v) of the Home Owners'
Loan Act, 12 U.S.C. 1464(v), each
savings association is required to make
reports of condition to OTS in a form
established by OTS. Section 5(v) further
requires that such reports and all the
information they contain be available to
the public unless the OTS Director
determines that public disclosure of
particular information would not
protect the safety or soundness of a
particular institution or institutions or
the Savings Association Insurance
Fund, or would not otherwise be in the
public interest. If the Director restricts
disclosure of any information for
savings associations generally, that fact

and the reason therefor are to be
disclosed in the Federal Register.

On August 7, 1990, OTS gave notice
that certain information collected on the
TFR would not be publicly disclosed. 55
FR 32168 (August 7, 1990). Over the
years, OTS has reviewed and revised the
scope of the information not available
for public disclosure.¹

Last year, after public notice and
comment, OTS substantially
streamlined the TFR, effective June,
1996. This revised TFR format does not
substantively impact the disclosure of
TFR information, although some
information that is not publicly
available is now located in a different
schedule. All other information
collected by the TFR will continue to be
made publicly available.

Information on interest-rate-risk data,
loans 30-89 days past due, and
classified assets will continue to be
withheld for the reasons set forth in the
August 1990 Notice. As noted in the
February 1994 Notice, aggregate CMR
data is publicly available for selected
industry peer groups.

Interest-rate-risk data continues to be
located in Schedule CMR. Schedule PD,
Lines 10 and 115 to 150 continues to
contain information on Loans 30-89
Days Past Due. Classified Assets, which
was located in schedule TA, Lines 400-
430 on the old TFR, is now found in
schedule VA, Lines 960, 965, 970, and
975 in the streamlined TFR.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nicolas P. Retsinas

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort
to reduce paperwork and respondent

¹ Some of this information, Specific Valuation
Allowances and Debt Restructured During the
Quarter, was later determined to be appropriate for
disclosure. Those items were disclosed beginning
with the March 1993 TFR. On February 28, 1994,
OTS issued a notice that information used to
measure interest rate risk originally contained in
TFR schedule MR was now found in TFR schedule
CMR and would continue to be withheld from
disclosure except for aggregate CMR data for
selected industry peer groups. 59 FR 9520 (February
28, 1994).

burden, Veterans Benefits
Administration (VBA) invites the
general public and other Federal
agencies to comment on this
information collection. This request for
comment is being made pursuant to the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
(Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C.
3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should
address the accuracy of the burden
estimates and ways to minimize the
burden including the use of automated
collection techniques or the use of other
forms of information technology, as well
as other relevant aspects of the
information collection.

DATES: Written comments and
recommendations on the proposal for
the collection of information should be
received on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits
Administration (20S52), Department of
Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,
NW, Washington, DC 20420. All
comments will become a matter of
public record and will be summarized
in the VBA request for Office of
Management and Budget (OMB)
approval. In this document VBA is
soliciting comments concerning the
following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0178.

Title and Form Number: 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.)

Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: 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. The information is used
by the VA to determine whether a
trainee's education benefits are to be
continued, changed or terminated, and
the effective date of such action.

Current Actions: The 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. The form is completed
by the trainee and the training
establishment to report to the 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: 4,647 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Annual Responses: 55,786.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,770.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson, Director,
Information Management Service.

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of Management,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Office of Management (OM) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Barbara Epps, Office of Management (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the OM request for Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the OM is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0078.

Title: Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Need and Uses: The form letter is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a specific veteran. Failure to obtain this information may prevent VA from taking action on the correspondence.

Current Actions: The form letter is used by VA personnel to identify a specific veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as, process a benefit claim or file material in an individual's claims folder. Completion of VA Form Letter 70-2 is voluntary and failure to furnish the requested information has no adverse effect on either the veteran or the correspondent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Barbara Epps, Office of Management (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8013 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Information Management Service.

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of Management,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, the Office of Management (OM) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Barbara Epps, Office of Management (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the OM request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the OM is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0025.

Title: Request for Consent to Release of Information, VA Form 3288.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Need and Uses: The form is completed by veterans or beneficiaries to provide the VA with a written consent to release records or information. Use of the form ensures an individual gives an informed written consent for the release of records or information about himself/herself that is consistent with the statutory requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 and the VA's confidentiality statute.

Current Actions: Veterans and their beneficiaries regularly request that copies of documents or information contained in their benefits or medical records be released to third parties, such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals. The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C., 552a) and the VA's confidentiality statute (38 U.S.C., 5701) as implemented by 38 CFR 1.526(a) and 38 CFR 1.576(b) require individuals to provide written consent before documents or information can be disclosed to third parties not allowed to receive records or information under any other provision of law, i.e., routine use of a record in a system of records. VA Form 3288 contains the minimum information that must be provided in