

Qualification Examination ("Series 21"). The examination will ensure that FLS Clerks have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties, which include assisting Floor Specialists. The Series 21 examination is the second step in a program to ensure that Floor employees are appropriately qualified. The first step was implementation of the Series 25 Trading Assistant Qualification Examination.¹

The Series 21 examination is a 90-minute test consisting of 65 questions. Implementation of the examination is scheduled to take place 90 days after its approval by the SEC. The examination specifications, content and fee (*i.e.*, \$200 per exam administration) will be more specifically addressed in separate filings. Though the requirements to take and pass the proposed Series 21 examination will apply to all prospective and current FLS Clerks, qualification requirements will differ as follows:

Current FLS Clerks

Individuals who are currently functioning as FLS Clerks will be required to pass the Series 21 examination within one year of its implementation. The Series 25 qualification examination is a prerequisite, but no training program will be required for these individuals since they are already acting in the capacity of FLS Clerks.

Prospective FLS Clerks

Individuals not currently functioning as FLS Clerks will also be required to pass the Series 25 qualifying examination as a Series 21 prerequisite. Upon passing the Series 25, the prospective FLS Clerk must complete a training program to become eligible for the Series 21 examination. The training program shall consist of a minimum of six months "on-the-job" experience with a Specialist under a supervisory program to be determined by the Specialist. All candidates must pass the Series 21 examination before functioning as an "unsupervised" FLS Clerk, *i.e.*, functioning without the specialized supervision required during the training period.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act.³ Under

that Section, it is the Exchange's responsibility to prescribe standards of training, experience and competence for persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations. In addition, under Section 6(c)(3)(B), the Exchange may bar a natural person from becoming a member or person associated with a member, if such natural person does not meet such standards of training, experience and competence as are prescribed by the rules of the Exchange. Pursuant to this statutory obligation, the Exchange has developed an examination that will be administered to establish that Front Line Specialist Clerks have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposal does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (1) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written

communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-99-19 and should be submitted by July 9, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

In compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, comments and recommendations regarding the information collections would be most useful if received by the Agency within 60 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the address listed at the end of SSA's notices. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed at the end of these notices.

1. *Report on Individual with Mental Impairment—0960-0058*. Form SSA-824 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine the claimant's medical status prior to making a disability determination. The respondents are physicians, medical

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40943 (January 13, 1999), 64 FR 3330 (January 21, 1999) (SR-NYSE-98-36); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40944 (January 13, 1999), 64 FR 3329 (January 21, 1999) (SR-NYSE-98-35).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(c)(3)(B).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

directors, medical record librarians and other health professionals.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 36 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,000 hours.

2. *Report of Student Beneficiary at End of School Year—0960-0089.* The information collected on Form SSA-1388 is used by SSA to verify a student's full-time attendance at an approved educational institution. The respondents are secondary school student beneficiaries or claimants who are enrolled full time.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,333 hours.

3. *Request for Claimant Conference—0960-NEW.* As part of SSA's disability redesign effort, SSA is testing modifications to the disability determination procedures. One aspect of the tests includes notifying claimants when the initial determination of disability by the State agency will be less than fully favorable. The State agency making the determination must send a written notice to the claimant offering him or her the opportunity to have a conference with the Disability Adjudicator and to provide an opportunity to submit additional evidence. The claimant can respond by either completing and returning the form (SSA-378) enclosed with the notice or by telephoning the Disability Adjudicator. Based on the reply, the Disability Adjudicator can schedule a conference, request additional medical

evidence, and/or await the receipt of additional evidence or complete the processing of the claim. The respondents are claimants for title II and title XVI disability benefits whose claims will receive a less than fully favorable determination.

Number of Respondents: 163,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,075 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collection would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. *Application for Mother's or Father's Insurance Benefit-0960-0003.* The information collected on Form SSA-5 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine an applicant's eligibility for mother's or father's insurance benefits. The respondents are individuals who wish to file an application for such benefits.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,500 hours.

2. *Missing and Discrepant Wage Reports Letter and Questionnaire—0960-0432.* SSA uses the information on

Forms SSA-L93, SSA-95 and SSA-97 to secure the employer information missing from its records (or discrepant with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) records) by contacting the involved employers. When secured, SSA is able to properly post the employee's earnings records. Compliance by employers with SSA requests facilitates proper posting of employees' wage records. SSA makes two efforts to obtain wage information from the employer before the case is turned over to the IRS for penalty assessments. The respondents are employers with missing or discrepant wage reports.

Number of Respondents: 360,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 180,000 hours.

3. *Medical Report on Adult with Allegation of Human Immune Deficiency Virus Infection and Medical Report on Child with Allegation of Human Immune Deficiency Virus Infection—0960-0500.* SSA uses Forms SSA-4814-F5 and SSA-4815-F6 to obtain information from a medical source concerning an individual who has filed for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits with an allegation of Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infection. The information is necessary for SSA field office personnel to determine whether the individual meets the requirements for a presumptive disability payment. The respondents are medical sources of individuals who apply for SSI disability benefits.

	SSA-4814-F5	SSA-4815-F6
Number of Respondents	46,200	12,900
Frequency of Response	1	1
Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	10	10
Estimated Annual Burden (hours)	7,700	2,150

4. *Self-Employment—Corporate Officer Questionnaire—0960-0487.* Form SSA-4184 is used by SSA to develop earnings and to corroborate the claimant's allegations of retirement when the claimant is self-employed or a corporate officer. The respondents are self-employed individuals and corporate officers.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,667 hours.

5. *Coverage of Employees of State and Local Governments—0960-0425.* This current rule contains reporting and recordkeeping requirements in 20 CFR Part 404 (see table below). The regulation sections cited require State and/or interstate instrumentalities to provide certain information to SSA that is needed to extend Social Security coverage to public sector workers for pre-1987 tax years, and to maintain accurate records of social security agreements. SSA would not be able to provide coverage to these workers and would be in violation of the statute

requiring coverage if the information were not collected. This rule applies to 52 State agencies who could submit modifications to their Social Security coverage agreements and 3 interstate instrumentalities who could submit agreements for coverage, and one or two potential annual responses for each. In actuality, SSA may receive any number of reports from a few States and no reports from the remainder. From experience, SSA anticipates that no error modifications will be filed for tax years prior to 1987, nor wage reports and contributions payments for an error

situation where wages have never been reported for those years. In addition, the reporting requirements in sections 404.1242, .1251 and .1271(a) and (c) no longer exist so we are showing no

public reporting burden for these sections. SSA plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to eliminate the obsolete reporting requirements from these sections. For the remaining

sections, SSA is basing the public burden estimates on the total number of respondents that could potentially report to us, although we anticipate the actual number will be less.

Section	Number of States	Frequency of response	Individual burden	Annual burden (hours)
404.1203(a)	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1204(a) & (b)	52	1	30 minutes ..	26
404.1214(d)	13	1	1 hour	3
404.1215	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1216(a) & (b)	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1220(b) & (c)	52	1	5 minutes	4
404.1225(a) & (b)	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1237(a), (b) & (c); .1239; .1243(a), (b), (c)	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1242	0	0	0	0
404.1247	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1249(a), (b) & (c)	52	1	1 hour	52
404.1251	0	0	0	0
404.1265	3	1	1 hour	3
404.1271(a) & (c)	0	0	0 hour	0
404.1271(b)	2	2	4 hours	16
404.1272	3	1	1	3
404.1292	3	1	5	15
Total	434

¹ Interstate Instrumentalities.

(SSA Address) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235
(OMB Address) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3063]

International Joint Commission; Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909

The International Joint Commission (IJC) will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the review of its Orders for the management of dams on Rainy and Namakan lakes prior to deciding on whether to amend the Orders.

The public hearing will be held at the following time and place: 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 7, 1999, La Place Rendez-Vous Hotel, 1201 Idylwild Dr., Fort Frances, Ontario.

A draft final report from the IJC's International Rainy Lake Board of Control making recommendations on

the management of Rainy and Namakan Lake water levels is available at the following address on the Internet: <http://www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil/ijc/rainylake/reports.html>.

Written comments may also be submitted by July 30, 1999 to either of the following addresses:

Secretary, Canadian Section, 100 Metcalfe Street, 18th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5M1, Fax 613.993.5583, Email Commission@ottawa.ijc.org

Secretary, United States Section, 1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Fax 202.736.9015, Email Commission@washington.ijc.org

The International Joint Commission is an independent international organization established under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Three members are appointed by the President of the United States and three by the Canadian Governor General in Council. The IJC's Orders for Rainy and Namakan Lakes were issued pursuant to the 1938 Rainy Lake Convention.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

James G. Chandler,

Legal Advisor, United States Section.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Technical Corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Technical corrections to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (the USTR) is modifying the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) as set forth in the annex to this notice, pursuant to authority granted by Congress to the President in section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) and delegated to the USTR in Presidential Proclamation No. 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415). These modifications will correct errors resulting from various proclamations, make conforming changes that were inadvertently omitted from prior actions, correct typographical errors and make technical rectifications to the HTS to ensure that the intended tariff treatment is accorded to the products at issue.

ADDRESSES: Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Chattin, Director for Tariff Affairs, (202) 395-5097, or William Busis, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-3150.