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COPIES: Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Small Business Loan Application.

Form No: 5M.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: Person's applying for SBA Disaster Loans.

Annual Responses: 2,500.

Annual Burden: 4,875.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: License Application Statement of Personal History and Qualification of Management.

Form No's: 415, 415A.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Annual Responses: 90.

Annual Burden: 14,400.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Interest Rates**

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 6 percent for the October-December quarter of FY 2000.

Arnold S. Rosenthal,

Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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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.

I. 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 this publication. 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 this publication.

1. Application for Wife's or Husband's Insurance Benefits—0960-0008. The Social Security Administration (SSA) uses the information collected on Form SSA-2-F6 to determine whether applicants (including those who are divorced) can be entitled to wife's or husband's insurance benefits. The respondents are applicants for wife or husband's benefits (including those who are divorced).

Number of Respondents: 700,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 175,000 hours.

2. Application for Supplemental Security Income—0960-0229. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-8000-BK to determine the respondent's eligibility for, and amount of, SSI benefits. The respondents are applicants for SSI Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,007,773.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response:

35 minutes for paper application (3 percent of responses)

25 minutes for automated collection of information (97% of responses)

Estimated Annual Burden: 424,944 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections 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. Workers' Compensation/Public Disability Benefit Questionnaire—0960-0247. Form SSA-546 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) whenever an applicant for Title II Disability Insurance (DI) benefits indicates he or she has filed for, or intends to file for, Workmen's Compensation/Public Disability Benefits (WC/PDB). The form consolidates all the information necessary to identify the WC/PDB applied for and/or received, determines whether offset is applicable under the statute and, when applicable, computes the offset. The respondents are applicants for DI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,000 hours.

2. Statement of Marital Relationship (by One of the Parties)—0960-0038. SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-754 to determine whether the conditions for establishing a common-law marriage under State law are met. The respondents are applicants for spouse's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,000 hours.

3. Student Reporting Form—0960-0088. Form SSA-1383 is used by Social Security student beneficiaries to report events or changes that may affect continuing entitlement to these benefits. The respondents are Social Security student beneficiaries.

Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

4. Reporting Changes that Affect Your Social Security Payment—0960-0073. SSA uses the information collected on form SSA-1425 to determine continuing

entitlement to Social Security Benefits and to determine the proper benefit amount. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries who need to report an event that could affect payments.

Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,833 hours.

5. Black Lung Student's Statement Regarding Resumption of School Attendance and Report of Black Lung Student Beneficiary at End of School Year (two forms)-0960-0314. The information collected on Forms SSA-2602 and SSA-2613 is used by SSA to determine whether or not an entitled student beneficiary will resume (or has resumed) full-time school attendance at an approved educational institution. If so, the student will be continuously entitled to benefits. The respondents are children of disabled or deceased coal miners and officials of schools they attend.

	SSA-2602	SSA-2613
Number of Respondents	50	100
Frequency of Response	1	1
Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	5	7½
Estimated Annual Burden (hours)	4	12

6. 0960-NEW. SSA has contracted with the Gallup Organization to conduct surveys to gather data on the public's level of knowledge about Social Security programs. The 1998 Public Understanding Measurement System survey (PUMS) indicated that 45 percent of the population have a lack of understanding of the major Social Security program areas. The 1999 and future Public Understanding Measurement System surveys (PUMS II) will enable SSA to build upon the 1998 PUMS quantitative baseline measure of public understanding. An annual survey will provide annual tracking data of public understanding of SSA programs against which the outcomes of SSA performance improvement efforts can be assessed. Quarterly targeted surveys in 16 SSA areas will test the effectiveness of several specific communications and public information outreach efforts.

PUMS II is essential to SSA's goal of strengthening public understanding about Social Security programs. The relevant Agency goal contained in SSA's strategic plan is that by the year 2005,

90 percent of all American adults will be knowledgeable about Social Security programs in five broad areas: basic program facts; the financial value of programs to individuals; the economic and social impact of SSA programs; how the programs are financed today; and financing issues. The respondents will be randomly selected adults residing in the United States.

	Annual surveys	Quarterly surveys
Number of Respondents	4,000	12,000
Frequency of Response	1	1
Average Burden Per Response	12	112
Estimated Annual Burden ...	2 800	22,400

¹ Minutes.

² Hours.

7. Voluntary Customer Surveys In Accordance with E.O. 12862 within the Social Security Administration—0960-0526. These voluntary customer surveys will be used to ascertain customer satisfaction with the Social Security Administration in terms of timeliness, appropriateness, access, and other measures of quality service. Surveys will involve individuals that are the direct or indirect beneficiaries of SSA services. The average burden per response for these activities is estimated to range from 5 minutes for a simple comment card to 2 hours for participation in a focus group.

FY 2000:

Number of Respondents: 1,530,854.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Annual Burden: 139,571 Hours.

FY 2001:

Number of Respondents: 1,527,260.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Annual Burden: 138,229.

FY 2002:

Number of Respondents: 1,529,990.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Annual Burden: 138,074.

(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: Lori Schack, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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