

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

(1) A request for access to records must be in writing, signed by the individual concerned, identify the system of records, and clearly indicate that the request is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974. If the individual is seeking access in person, identity may be established by the presentation of a single official document bearing the individual's photograph or by the presentation of two items of identification without the photograph but showing a name and signature. If the individual is seeking access by mail, identity may be established by presenting a signature, address, and one other identifier such as a photocopy of an official document bearing the individual's signature. The Bureau of the Public Debt reserves the right to require additional verification of an individual's identity.

(2) Submit requests to the appropriate office as shown under "System Manager and Address" above.

(3) The request must state whether the requester wishes to be notified that the record exists or desires to inspect or obtain a copy of the record. If a copy of the record is desired, the requester must agree to pay the fees for copying the documents in accordance with 31 CFR 1.26(d)(2)(ii).

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

*Initial amendment requests:* (1) A request by an individual contesting the content of records or for correction of records must be in writing, signed by the individual involved, identify the system of records, and clearly state that the request is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974. If the request is made in person, identity may be established by the presentation of a single official document bearing the individual's photograph or by the presentation of two items of identification without the photograph but instead showing a name and signature. If the request is made by mail, identity may be established by the presentation of a signature, address, and one other identifier such as a photocopy of an official document bearing the individual's signature. The Bureau of the Public Debt reserves the right to require additional verification of an individual's identity.

(2) Submit requests to the appropriate office as shown under "System Manager and Address" above.

(3) *The request must specify:*

- (a) The dates of records in question,
- (b) The specific records alleged to be incorrect,
- (c) The correction requested, and
- (d) The reasons.

(4) The request must include available evidence in support of the request.

*Appeals from an initial denial of a request for correction of records:* (1) An appeal from an initial denial of a request for correction of records must be in writing, signed by the individual involved, identify the system of records, and clearly state that it is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974. If the individual is making an appeal in person, identity may be established by the presentation of a single official document bearing the individual's photograph or by the presentation of two items of identification without the photograph but showing a name and signature. If the individual is making an appeal by mail, identity may be established by the presentation of a signature, address, and one other identifier such as a photocopy of an official document bearing the individual's signature. The Bureau of the Public Debt reserves the right to require additional verification of an individual's identity.

(2) Appellate determinations will be made by the Commissioner of the Public Debt or the delegate of such officer. Appeals should be addressed to, or delivered personally to: Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, 999 E Street, NW, Room 501, Washington, DC 20239-0001 (or as otherwise provided for in the applicable appendix to 31 CFR part 1, subpart C), within 35 days of the individual's receipt of the initial denial of the requested correction.

(3) *An appeal must be marked "Privacy Act Amendment Appeal" and specify:*

- (a) The records to which the appeal relates,
  - (b) The date of the initial request made for correction of the records, and
  - (c) The date the initial denial of the request for correction was received.
- (4) An appeal must also specify the reasons for the requester's disagreement with the initial denial of correction and must include any applicable supporting evidence.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information is provided by the individual covered by this system of records or, with their authorization, is derived from other systems of records.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Amended Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to conduct a recurring computer matching program matching Office of Personnel Management (OPM) records with VA pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) records.

The goal of this match is to compare income status as reported to VA with records maintained by OPM.

VA plans to match records of veterans and surviving spouses and children who receive pension, and parents who receive DIC from VA with OPM benefit records maintained by OPM. The match with OPM will provide VA with data from OPM civil service benefit records.

VA will use this information to update the master records of VA beneficiaries receiving income dependent benefits and to adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. Otherwise, information about a VA beneficiary's receipt of OPM benefits is obtained from reporting by the beneficiary. The proposed matching program will enable VA to ensure accurate reporting of income.

**Records To Be Matched**

The VA records involved in the match are the VA system of records, VA Compensation, Pension and Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22) first published at 41 FR 924 (March 3, 1976), and last amended at 63 FR 37941 July 14, 1998, with other amendments as cited therein. The OPM records involved in the match are from the OPM Civil Service Retirement Pay File identified as OPM Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, published as 64 FR 54930, October 8, 1999, as amended May 3, 2000 (65 FR 25775). In accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2) and (r), copies of the agreement are being sent to both Houses of Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100-503.

The match will start no sooner than 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, or 40 days after copies of this Notice and the agreement of the parties are submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and

Budget, whichever is later, and end not more than 18 months after the agreement is properly implemented by the parties. The involved agencies' Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) may extend this match for 12 months provided the agencies certify to their DIBs, within three months of the ending date of the original match, that the matching program will be conducted without change and that the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the original matching program.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments,

suggestions, or objections regarding the proposal to conduct the matching program to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. All written comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Trowbridge (212A), (202) 273-7218.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information is required by Title 5 U.S.C. subsection 552a(e)(12), the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of this notice has been provided to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.

Approved: May 7, 2001.

**Anthony J. Principi,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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