

**Note:** Information requested by the States is not disclosed when it would contravene U.S. national policy or security interests (42 U.S.C. 653(e)).

To the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for purposes of providing information, consistent with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 653 and in response to a HHS request, regarding the military status of identified individuals and whether, and for what period of time, the children of such individuals are or were eligible for DoD healthcare coverage.

**Note:** Information requested by HHS is not disclosed when it would contravene U.S. national policy or security interests (42 U.S.C. 653(e)).

To the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of providing information so that specified Medicare determinations, specifically late enrollment and waiver of penalty, can be made for eligible (1) DoD military retirees and (2) spouses (or former spouses) and/or dependents of either military retirees or active duty military personnel, pursuant to section 625 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2002 (as codified at 42 U.S.C. 1395p and 1395r).

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of DLA's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained on magnetic tapes and disks, and are housed in a controlled computer media library.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records about individuals are retrieved by an algorithm which uses name, Social Security Number, date of birth, rank, and duty location as possible inputs. Retrievals are made on summary basis by geographic characteristics and location and demographic characteristics. Information about individuals will not be distinguishable in summary retrievals. Retrievals for the purposes of generating address lists for direct mail distribution may be made using selection criteria based on geographic and demographic keys.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Computerized records are maintained in a controlled area accessible only to authorized personnel. Entry to these areas is restricted to those personnel with a valid requirement and authorization to enter. Physical entry is

restricted by the use of locks, guards, and administrative procedures (e.g., fire protection regulations).

Access to personal information is restricted to those who require the records in the performance of their official duties, and to the individuals who are the subjects of the record or their authorized representatives. Access to personal information is further restricted by the use of passwords, which are changed periodically.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Data is destroyed when superseded or when no longer needed for operational purposes, whichever is later.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Deputy Director, Defense Manpower Data Center, DoD Center Monterey Bay, 300 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Privacy Act Officer, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, DSS-B, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6220, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

Written requests for the information should contain full name and Social Security Number of individual and sponsor, date of birth, rank, and duty location.

For personal visits the individual should be able to provide full name and Social Security Number of individual and sponsor, date of birth, rank, and duty location. Identification should be corroborated with a driver's license or other positive identification.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Privacy Act Officer, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, DSS-B, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6220, 2533 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

Written request for the information should contain full name and Social Security Number of individual and sponsor, date of birth, rank, and duty location.

For personal visits the individual should be able to provide full name and Social Security Number of individual and sponsor, date of birth, rank, and duty location. Identification should be corroborated with a driver's license or other positive identification.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The DLA rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in 32 CFR part 323, or may be obtained from the Privacy Act Officer, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: DSS-B, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Stop 6220, 2533 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Individuals, personnel pay, and benefit systems of the military and civilian departments and agencies of the Defense Department, the Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, and other Federal agencies.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to alter a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy proposes to alter a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The alteration consists of adding five new routine uses to the existing notice, and amending six routine uses. The new routine uses allow the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to use information for alien admission and naturalization inquiries; the Office of Personnel Management to verify military benefits, leave, or reduction in force and to establish Civil Service employee tenure and leave accrual rate; the Selective Service System in the performance of official duties related to registration with the Selective Service Program; the Social Security Administration to obtain or verify Social Security Numbers or to substantiate applicant's credit for social security compensation; and to officials of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the purpose of creating service records for current USCG members that had prior service with the Navy.

**DATES:** This action will be effective on June 10, 2004, unless comments are

received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, were submitted on April 27, 2004, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,' dated February 8, 1996, (61 FR 6427, February 20, 1996).

Dated: May 5, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

#### **N01070-3**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Navy Personnel Records System (October 13, 2000, 65 FR 60923).

##### **CHANGES:**

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##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Delete entry and replace with "Navy Military Personnel Records System".

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Delete entry and replace with "Primary locations:  
Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120 for records of all active duty and reserve members (except Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)); and for records of members that were retired, discharged, or died while in service since 1995;

Naval Reserve Personnel Center, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800 for records of all IRR members;

National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 for records of members that were retired, discharged, or died while in service prior to 1995.

**Secondary locations:** Personnel Offices and Personnel Support Detachments providing administrative support for the local activity where the individual is assigned. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://ned.s.nebt.daps.mil/sndl.htm>.

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##### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 42 U.S.C. 10606 as implemented by DoD Instruction 1030.1, Victim and Witness Assistance Procedures; and E.O. 9397 (SSN)."

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##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Delete entry and replace with "In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)93) as follows:

To officials and employees of the National Research Council in Cooperative Studies of the National History of Disease, of Prognosis and of Epidemiology. Each study in which the records of members and former members of the naval service are used must be approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

To officials and employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, in the performance of their office duties related to eligibility, notification and assistance in obtaining health and medical benefits by members and former members of the Navy.

To the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for use in alien admissions and naturalization inquiries.

To the Office of Personnel management for verification of a military service for benefits, leave, or reduction-in-force purposes, and to establish Civil Service employee tenure and leave accrual rate.

To the Director of Selective Service System in the performance of official duties related to registration with the Selective Service System.

To the Social Security Administration to obtain or verify Social Security Numbers or to substantiate applicant's credit for social security compensation.

To officials and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the performance of their duties relating to approved research projects, and for processing and adjudicating claims, benefits, and medical care.

To officials of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the purpose of creating service records for current USCG members that had prior service with the Navy.

To officials and employees of Navy Relief and the American Red Cross in the performance of their duties relating to the assistance of the members and their dependents and relatives, or related to assistance previously furnished such individuals, without regard to whether the individual assisted or his/her sponsor continues to a member of the Navy. Access will be limited to those portions of the member's record required to effectively assist the member.

To duly appointed Family Ombudsmen in the performance of their duties related to the assistance of the members and their families.

To state and local agencies in the performance of their official duties related to verification of status for determination of eligibility for Veterans Bonuses and other benefits and entitlements.

To officials and employees of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives in the performance of their official duties related to the verification of the active duty naval service of Members of Congress. Access is limited to those portions of the member's record required to verify service time.

To provide information and support to victims and witnesses in compliance with the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, and the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990.

Information as to current military addresses and assignments may be provided to military banking facilities who provide banking services overseas and who are reimbursed by the Government for certain checking and loan losses. For personnel separated, discharged or retired from the Armed Forces information as to last known residential or home of record address may be provided to the military banking facility upon certification by a banking facility officer that the facility has a returned or dishonored check negotiated by the individual or the individual has defaulted on a loan and that if restitution is not made by the individual the United States Government will be liable for the losses the facility may incur.

To Federal, State, local, and foreign (within Status of Forces agreements) law enforcement agencies or their authorized representatives in connection with litigation, law

enforcement, or other matters under the jurisdiction of such agencies.

Information relating to professional qualifications of chaplains may be provided to civilian certification boards and committees, including, but not limited to, state and federal licensing authorities and ecclesiastical endorsing organizations.

To governmental entities or private organizations under government contract to perform random analytical research into specific aspects of military personnel management and administrative procedures.

To Federal agencies, their contractors and grantees, and to private organizations, such as the National Academy of Sciences, for the purposes of conducting personnel and/or health-related research in the interest of the Federal government and the public. When not considered mandatory, the names and other identifying data will be eliminated from records used for such research studies.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of system of record notices also apply to this system.

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#### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Delete entry and replace with "Those documents that are designated as temporary in the prescribing regulations remain in the record until their obsolescence, or the member is separated from the Navy, then are removed and provided to the individual. Those documents designated as permanent are submitted to Navy Personnel Command at predetermined times to form a single personnel record in the Electronic Military Personnel Records System (EMPRS), and remain in EMPRS permanently. Permanent records are transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration 62 years after the completion of the service member's obligated service."

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#### NO1070-3

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Navy Military Personnel Records System.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Primary locations: Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120 for records of all active duty and reserve members (except Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)); and for records of members that were retired, discharged, or died while in service since 1995;

Naval Reserve Personnel Center, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800 for records of all IRR members;

National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 for records of members that were retired, discharged, or died while in service prior to 1995.

Secondary locations: Personnel Offices and Personnel Support Detachments providing administrative support for the local activity where the individual is assigned. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://ned.s.nebt.daps.mil/sndl.htm>.

#### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

*All Navy military personnel:* officers, enlisted, active, inactive, reserve, fleet reserve, retired, midshipmen, officer candidates, and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps personnel.

#### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Personnel service jackets and service records, correspondence and records in both automated and non-automated form concerning classification, assignment, distribution, promotion, advancement, performance, recruiting, retention, reenlistment, separation, training, education, morale, personal affairs, benefits, entitlements, discipline and administration of naval personnel.

#### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 42 U.S.C. 10606 as implemented by DoD Instruction 1030.1, Victim and Witness Assistance Procedures; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

#### PURPOSE(S):

To assist officials and employees of the Navy in the management, supervision and administration of Navy personnel (officer and enlisted) and the operations of related personnel affairs and functions.

#### ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To officials and employees of the National Research Council in Cooperative Studies of the National History of Disease, of Prognosis and of Epidemiology. Each study in which the records of members and former

members of the naval service are used must be approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

To officials and employees of the Department of Health and Human Services, in the performance of their official duties related to eligibility, notification and assistance in obtaining health and medical benefits by members and former members of the Navy.

To the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for use in alien admission and naturalization inquiries.

To the Office of Personnel Management for verification of military service for benefits, leave, or reduction-in-force purposes, and to establish Civil Service employee tenure and leave accrual rate.

To the Director of Selective Service System in the performance of official duties related to registration with the Selective Service System.

To the Social Security Administration to obtain or verify Social Security Numbers or to substantiate applicant's credit for social security compensation.

To officials and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the performance of their duties relating to approved research projects, and for processing and adjudicating claims, benefits, and medical care.

To officials of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for the purpose of creating service records for current USCG members that had prior service with the Navy.

To officials and employees of Navy Relief and the American Red Cross in the performance of their duties relating to the assistance of the members and their dependents and relatives, or related to assistance previously furnished such individuals, without regard to whether the individual, assisted or his/her sponsor continues to be a member of the Navy. Access will be limited to those portions of the member's record required to effectively assist the member.

To duly appointed Family Ombudsmen in the performance of their duties related to the assistance of the members and their families.

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To officials and employees of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives in the performance of their official duties related to the verification of the active duty naval service of Members of Congress. Access is limited to those

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Information as to current military addresses and assignments may be provided to military banking facilities who provide banking services overseas and who are reimbursed by the Government for certain checking and loan losses. For personnel separated, discharged or retired from the Armed Forces information as to last known residential or home of record address may be provided to the military banking facility upon certification by a banking facility officer that the facility has a returned or dishonored check negotiated by the individual or the individual has defaulted on a loan and that if restitution is not made by the individual the United States Government will be liable for the losses the facility may incur.

To Federal, State, local, and foreign (within Status of Forces agreements) law enforcement agencies or their authorized representatives in connection with litigation, law enforcement, or other matters under the jurisdiction of such agencies.

Information relating to professional qualifications of chaplains may be provided to civilian certification boards and committees, including, but not limited to, state and federal licensing authorities and ecclesiastical endorsing organizations.

To governmental entities or private organizations under government contract to perform random analytical research into specific aspects of military personnel management and administrative procedures.

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**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Automated records may be stored on magnetic tapes, disc, and drums. Manual records may be stored in paper file folders, microfiche or microfilm.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Automated records may be retrieved by name and Social Security Number. Manual records may be retrieved by name, Social Security Number, enlisted service number, or officer file number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Computer facilities and terminals are located in restricted areas accessible only to authorized persons that are properly screened, cleared and trained. Manual records and computer printouts are available only to authorized personnel having a need-to-know.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Those documents that are designated as temporary in the prescribing regulations remain in the record until their obsolescence, or the member is separated from the Navy, then are removed and provided to the individual. Those documents designated as permanent are submitted to Navy Personnel Command at predetermined times to form a single personnel record in the Electronic Military Personnel Records System (EMPRS), and remain in EMPRS permanently. Permanent records are transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration 62 years after the completion of the service member's obligated service.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3130; Commanding Officers, Officers in Charge, and Heads of Department of the Navy activities. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://neds.nebt.deps,mil/sndl.htm>.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to:

Inquiries regarding permanent records of all active duty and reserve members (except Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)), former members discharged, deceased, or retired since 1995, should be addressed to the Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-

3120; Inquiries regarding records of reserve members serving in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Personnel Center, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800;

Inquiries regarding records of former members discharged, deceased, or retired before 1995 should be addressed to the Director, National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. You may access their Web site at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html> to obtain guidance on how to access records;

Inquiries regarding field service records of current members should be addressed to the Personnel Office or Personnel Support Detachment providing administrative support to the local activity to which the individual is assigned. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/sndl.htm>.

The letter should contain full name, Social Security Number (and/or enlisted service number/officer file number), rank/rate, designator, military status, address, and signature of the requester.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to:

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120 for records of all active duty and reserve members (except Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)); Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Personnel Center, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800;

Director, National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 for records of former members discharged, deceased, or retired before 1995. Visit their Web site at [http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/at/Louis/military\\_personnel\\_records.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/at/Louis/military_personnel_records.html) to download SF180 to request records through regular mail or to file an electronic request for records;

The Personnel Office of Personnel Support Detachment providing administrative support to the local activity to which the individual is assigned for field service records of current members. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/sndl.htm>. to download SF180 to request records

through regular mail or to file an electronic request for records;

The Personnel Office or Personnel Support Detachment providing administrative support to the local activity to which the individual is assigned for field service records of current members. Official mailing addresses are published in the Standard Navy Distribution List that is available at <http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/sndl.htm>. The letter should contain full name, Social Security Number (and/or enlisted service number/officer file number), rank/rate, designator, military status, address, and signature of the requester.

Current members, active and reserve, may visit the Navy Personnel Command, Records Review Room, Bldg 109, Millington, TN for assistance with records located in that building; or the individual may visit the local activity to which attached for access to locally maintained records. Proof of identification will consist of Military Identification Card for persons having such cards, or other picture-bearing identification."

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Navy's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5211.5; 32 CFR part 701; or may be obtained from the system manager.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Correspondence; educational institutions; Federal, State, and local court documents; civilian and military investigatory reports; general correspondence concerning the individual; official records of professional qualification; Navy Relief and American Red Cross requests for verification of status.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 10, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Alice Thaler, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: May 6, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Office of Vocational and Adult Education*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* National School Dropout Prevention Program's Recognition Initiative.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 16.

Burden Hours: 192.

*Abstract:* To recognize the successful dropout prevention efforts that schools are making, the Department has established the National School Dropout Prevention Program's Recognition Initiative for schools that are able to provide evidence of effectiveness in

reducing dropout rates. Noteworthy programs also may provide evidence of improvements in other areas such as academic achievement, improved behavior, increased high school completion rates, or increased post-secondary employment or enrollment. This application provides an opportunity for schools to demonstrate their effectiveness.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2470. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### List of Approved "Ability-to-Benefit" (ATB) Tests and Passing Scores

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice to remove the CTB/McGraw-Hill Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) from the list of approved "Ability-to-Benefit" tests.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary gives notice that the CTB/McGraw-Hill Ability-to-Benefit Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE): (Reading, Total Mathematics, and Language)—Forms 7 and 8, Level A, Complete Battery and Survey test is being removed from the list of approved Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) tests.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary is amending the list of approved ATB tests and passing scores that was published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 2002 (67 FR 56539) by removing the CTB/McGraw-Hill TABE test and its passing scores from the ATB list. The list was published under the authority of section