

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are persons who wish to be considered for accession into the U.S. Navy. Respondents enter their information into the information system, or they orally provide the information to a Navy Recruiter who inputs the information on their behalf.

Dated: February 23, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

[FR Doc. 2018-04091 Filed 2-27-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-06-P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Solicitation of Third-Party Comments Concerning the Performance of Accrediting Agencies; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Call for written third-party comments; extension of comment period; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 24, 2018 we published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments in connection with, *inter alia*, the Department's review of the application of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) for initial recognition and the compliance report submitted by the American Bar Association (ABA), both of which are currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The deadline for comments set forth in that notice was February 16, 2018. On February 22, 2018, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018 for the submission of comments relating to those two agencies. This notice corrects our earlier statements in those two **Federal Register** notices about the scope of the public comments.

DATES: Applicable February 28, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herman Bounds, Director, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 270-01, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453-7615, or email: herman.bounds@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf or a text telephone, call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On January 24, 2018 (83 FR 3335), we published in the **Federal**

Register a notice of a call for written third-party comments. That notice provided information to members of the public on submitting written comments with respect to accrediting agencies currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the Secretary of Education. That notice established a comment period beginning on January 24, 2018, and closing on February 16, 2018. On February 15, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order the effect of which was to require the Department of Education to extend the comment period relating to ACICS and ABA to March 1, 2018. (See *The Century Foundation v. Betsy Devos*, case number 18-cv-1128). Pursuant to that court order, on February 22, 2018 (83 FR 7702), we published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018, and stated that the extension was "for comments on the initial application for recognition of ACICS and the compliance report submitted by the ABA." Under the Higher Education Act, the Department solicits "third-party information concerning the performance of the accrediting agency," 20 U.S.C. 1099b(n)(1)(A), and accordingly, takes comments with regard to "the agency's compliance with the criteria for recognition." 34 CFR 602.32(a) (emphasis added). The comment process established by 34 CFR 602.32 therefore solicits comments on the accrediting agencies' performance and compliance with the criteria for recognition, and not on any applications or reports agencies may have submitted to the Department. The process does not require the commenters to have access to the specific applications or compliance reports submitted by the accrediting agencies, and the Department has not traditionally provided those materials in advance of the comment process.

This notice corrects certain language related to the comment period in both the January 24, 2018, and February 22, 2018, **Federal Register** notices. All other language and requirements from the prior notices, not amended by this notice of correction, remain the same.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register**

and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Corrections

1. In the **Federal Register** notice of February 22, 2018, on page 7702 in the second column under the heading *Summary*, correct the last sentence in the Summary to read as follows:

"Pursuant to a recent court order, we are extending the public comment period until March 1, 2018 for the submission of comments on the compliance of Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) with the criteria for recognition set forth in Subpart B of 34 CFR 602, and for the submission of comments about the compliance of the American Bar Association with the criteria for recognition cited in the Senior Department Official's September 22, 2016 letter¹ following the June 23, 2016 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>. The review of the ABA's compliance is limited to 34 CFR 602.15(a)(1), 602.15(a)(2), 602.15(a)(3), 602.16(a)(1)(viii), and 602.17(b)."

2. In the **Federal Register** notice of February 22, 2018, on page 7702 in the second column under the heading **ADDRESSES**, correct the section to read as follows:

"**ADDRESSES:** Written comments about ACICS's compliance with the criteria for recognition or the ABA's compliance with the criteria for recognition cited in the Senior Department Official's September 22, 2016 letter must be received by March 1, 2018, in the *ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov* mailbox and include the subject line 'Written Comments: (agency name).'"

3. In the **Federal Register** notice of January 24, 2018, on page 3336 in the

¹ The January 24, 2018 (83 FR 3335), **Federal Register** notice solicitation for written third-party comments relating to the ABA incorrectly identified the letter from the Senior Department Official as being dated "October 28, 2016." As noted herein, the correct date is "September 22, 2016."

first column, correct the first full paragraph to read as follows:

“2. American Bar Association Compliance report includes the following: (1) Findings identified in the September 22, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the June 23, 2016 NACIQI meeting available at: <http://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, (2) Review under 34 CFR 602.15(a)(1), § 602.15(a)(2), § 602.15(a)(3), § 602.16(a)(1)(viii), and § 602.17(b).”

4. In the **Federal Register** notice of January 24, 2018, on page 3336 in the second column under the heading *Submission of Written Comments Regarding a Specific Accrediting Agency or State Approval Agency Under Review*, correct the fourth sentence to read as follows:

“Comments about an agency’s recognition after review of a compliance report must relate to issues identified in the senior Department official’s letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary’s appeal decision, if any.”

Dated: February 26, 2018.

Lynn B. Mahaffie,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education.

[FR Doc. 2018–04192 Filed 2–26–18; 4:15 pm]

BILLING CODE 4000–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2017–ICCD–0158]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Report on Appeals Process RSA–722

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2017–ICCD–0158. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the

Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216–44, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Edward West, 202–245–6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Annual Report on Appeals Process RSA–722.

OMB Control Number: 1820–0563.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 79.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 158.

Abstract: Pursuant to Subsection 102(c)(8)(A) and (B) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by the Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act the RSA–722 is needed to meet specific data collection requirements on the number of requests for mediations, hearings, administrative reviews and other methods of dispute resolution requested and the manner in which they were resolved. The information collected is used to evaluate the types of complaints made by applicants and eligible individuals of the vocational rehabilitation program and the final resolution of appeals filed. Respondents are State agencies that administer the Federal/State Program for Vocational Rehabilitation.

Dated: February 22, 2018.

Tomakie Washington,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

[FR Doc. 2018–04008 Filed 2–27–18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Monday, March 19, 2018—1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018—9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: North Augusta Municipal Building, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Clizbe, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952–8281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 19, 2018

Opening, Chair Update, and Agenda Review
Agency Updates