

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before December 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All written comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: 2900-0133.

Titles and Form Numbers:

Application for Amounts on Deposit for Deceased Veteran, VA Form 21-6898.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used to gather the necessary information to determine the individual(s) who may be entitled to accrued benefits of deceased beneficiaries. Without this information, the VA could not determine the proper individual(s) to receive any accrued benefits.

Current Actions: Title 38, U.S.C. 5502(d), provides for the payment of accrued amounts on deposit in the

personal funds of patients accounts for deceased veterans.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 175 hours.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Nancy Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-4884.

Dated: October 11, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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OMB Control Number: 2900-0523.

Titles and Form Numbers: Loan Analysis, VA Form 26-6393.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is completed by representatives of lending institution to determine the veteran-borrower's ability to qualify for a VA guaranteed loan. The information is used by the VA as evidence of the lender's adherence to VA credit standards.

Current Actions: The form is currently used by representatives of lending institutions and VA employees to determine the ability of a veteran-applicant to qualify for any type VA-guaranteed loan authorized by Title 38, U.S.C. 3710(a). Lenders complete and submit the form to provide evidence that the lender's decision to submit a prior approval loan application or close a loan on the automatic basis based upon appropriate application of the VA credit standards.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 120,000 hours.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 240,000.

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