

coordinate the implementation and enforcement by Executive agencies of various equal opportunity laws. Government-wide guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in 28 CFR 42.406 instructs funding agencies to "provide for the collection of data and information from applicants for and recipients of Federal assistance sufficient to permit effective enforcement of Title VI." Executive Order 12250 extended the delegation to cover Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

VA's requirements to effectuate our external civil rights requirements are contained on 38 CFR, Part 18. These regulations, in part, provide that the responsible agency official or designee shall from time to time review the practices of recipients to determine whether they are complying with the equal opportunity provisions. VA Form 20-8734 is used to gather information from post-secondary proprietary schools below college level. The information is used to assure that VA Federally-funded programs are in compliance with equal opportunity laws. VA Form 20-8734a, is used to gather information from students and instructors at post-secondary proprietary schools below college level. The information is used to assure equal access and equal treatment to participants in VA Federally-funded programs.

Education Compliance Survey Specialists in VA field stations use VA Forms 20-8734 and 20-8734a during regular scheduled educational compliance survey visits, as well as during investigations of equal opportunity complaints, to identify areas which may indicate whether there is disparate treatment of members of protected groups. The information obtained on these forms is analyzed and maintained on file at the regional office. If this information were not collected, VA would be unable to carry out its civil rights enforcement responsibilities established in the DOJ's instructions.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on July 18, 1997 at page 38607.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden and Average Burden Per Respondent: Based on past experience, VBA estimates that 76 interviews will be conducted with

recipients using VA Form 20-8734 at an average of 1 hour and 45 minutes per interview (133 hours). This includes one hour for an interview with the principal facility official, plus 45 minute for reviewing records and reports and touring the facility. It is also estimated that 76 interviews will be conducted with students using VA Form 20-8734a at an average of 30 minutes per interview (38 hours) and with instructors at an average of 30 minutes per interview (38 hours) with a total of 76 hours. Interviews are also conducted with 76 students without instructors at an average time of 30 minutes.

VBA estimates that it will take 1 hour to conduct an interview with the recipients (76 hours) and 30 minutes with the instructors (38 hours). The total number of hours for interviewing recipients and instructors are estimated at 114.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 228.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0455" in any correspondence.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

William Morgan,

Program Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0465]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and

its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Numbers: Student Verification of Enrollment, VA Forms 22-8979 and 22-8979-1. (NOTE: VA Forms 22-8979 and 22-8979-1 collect the same information. VA Form 22-8979 is electronically generated for monthly mailings while VA Form 22-8979-1 is printed and distributed to VA regional offices for individual use.)

OMB Control Number: 2900-0465.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used by students in certifying attendance and continued enrollment in courses leading to a standard college degree or in non-college degree programs. The information is used to determine the individual's continued entitlement to VA benefits.

VA is authorized to pay educational benefits to veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs not leading to a standard college degree under Chapters 30, 32, and 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606, Title 10, U.S.C.; and Section 903 of Public Law 96-342. VA Form 22-8979 serves as the form for reporting necessary certification of actual attendance and verification of the student's continued enrollment for claimant's pursuing non-college degree programs.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 13, 1997 at page 11948-11948.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 189,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 324,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to

VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465" in any correspondence.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,
Management Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0154]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0154."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Application for Education Benefits, VA Form 22-1990.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0154.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses the information on the application to determine the applicant's eligibility to education benefits under Chapters 30 and 32, Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 1606, Title 10 U.S.C., or Public Law 96-342, Section 903. In order to receive VA educational assistance allowance, veterans and members of the selected reserve must

complete VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 12, 1997 at page 32146-32147.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 90,231 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once, initial application.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 154,682.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0154" in any correspondence.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,
Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0101]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor,

Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0101."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Eligibility Verification Reports.

a. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21-0511S.

b. Old Law Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21-0511V.

c. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21-0512S.

d. Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21-0512V.

e. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Children Only), VA Form 21-0513.

f. DIC Parent's Eligibility Verification Report, VA Form 21-0514.

g. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With No Children), VA Form 21-0516.

h. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With Children), VA Form 21-0517.

i. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With No Children), VA Form 21-0518.

j. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Child or Children), VA Form 21-0519C.

k. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With Children), VA Form 21-0519S.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0101.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: These reports are used by VA regional offices to verify continued eligibility for pension and parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and to determine whether adjustments in the rate of payment are necessary. These reports are also used for developing supplemental income and estate information from claimants who have previously filed a formal application for pension or parents' DIC. It would be impossible to administer the pension and parents' DIC programs without the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 17, 1997 at pages 32856-32857.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.