

respond: 150,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 75,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 28, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Darrin King at (202) 693-4129 or E-Mail King-Darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), on or before April 9, 2001.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Attestations by Facilities Temporarily Employing H-1C Nonimmigrant Aliens as Registered Nurses.

OMB Number: 1205-0415.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Number of Annual Responses: 172.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from an estimated 15 minutes to provide a notification of registered nurses to 1.25 hours to submit a notice of strike/lockout or layoff (the time required to complete the ETA Form 9081 is estimated at 1 hour).

Total Burden Hours: 68.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$57.

Description: The ETA Form 9081 and the recordkeeping requirements required by 20 CFR Part 655, Subparts L and M are necessary for employers seeking to hire H-1C nonimmigrant nurses for certain facilities located in areas with severe health professional shortages. These reporting and recordkeeping requirements allow employers and the Department to comply with the requirements of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Program and the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Tax Credit's reporting and administrative forms.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before May 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Gay M. Gilbert, Division Chief, U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS, Office of Workforce Security, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3428 (this is not a toll-free number) and, Internet address: ggilbert@doleta.gov and/or fax number: 202/693-2874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Data collected on the WOTC and the WtW Tax Credits will be collected by the State Employment Security and/or Workforce Development Agencies and provided to the U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS Division, Unit of Operations, Office of Career Transition and Assistance, Office of Workforce Security, Washington, DC, through the appropriate Department of Labor regional offices. The data will be used, primarily, to supplement IRS Form 8850, help expedite the processing of, either, employer requests for Certifications generated through IRS Form 8850 or issuance of Conditional

Certifications (CCs) and processing of employer requests for Certifications as a result of individuals' bearing SESAs or participating agencies' generated CCs, help streamline SESAs verification mandated activities, aid and expedite the preparation of the quarterly reports, and provide a significant source of information for the Secretary's Annual Report to Congress on the WOTC program. The data recorded through the use of these forms will also help in the preparation of an annual report to the Committee House Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives.

II. *Review Focus:* The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions:*

- The Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits' reporting

and administrative forms expire June 30, 2001. P.L. 106-170 reauthorized these two tax credits through December 31, 2001. Because the Congress reauthorizes these tax credits continuously for periods that range between one and three years, we are requesting a 2-year expiration date from approval date to continue the existing collection of information.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and Welfare-to-Work Tax (WtW) Credit.

OMB Number: 1205-0371.

Agency Number: ETA Forms 9057-59; 9061-63 and 9065.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

State Burden:

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total ¹ responses	Average Time/response (hours)	Burden
Form 9057	52	Quarterly	208	8	1664
Form 9058	52	Quarterly	208	8	1664
Form 9059	52	Quarterly	208	8	1664
Form 9062	52	Quarterly	40	8	320
Form 9063	52	Quarterly	1000	1	1000
Form 9065	52	Quarterly	208	8	1664
Recordkeeping	52	Annually	52	997	51844
Total			1924		59820

¹ Nos. of "Total Responses" and "Average Time/Response" are only estimates and were obtained by calling several States and asking for the best possible estimates.

Cite/reference	Frequency	Total received	Average time response (hours)	Total hours
Form 9061	5 days	200	8 hours	1,600

Total Burden Hours: 61420.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request. They will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Gay M. Gilbert,

Signing Official, U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS, Division Chief, Office of Workforce Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comments and Recommendations; Program to Prevent Smoking in Hazardous Areas

ACTION: Notice.

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data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to bteaster@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department