

entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 40404, 64 FR 66962, 67 FR 17102, 64 FR 54948, 65 FR 159, 67 FR 10475, 64 FR 68195, 65 FR 20251, 66 FR 53826, 66 FR 66966). Each of these 14 applicants has requested timely renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past 2 years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, the FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Comments

The FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e). However, the FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by May 3, 2004.

In the past the FMCSA has received comments from Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) expressing continued opposition to the FMCSA's procedures for renewing exemptions from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Specifically, Advocates objects to the agency's extension of the exemptions without any opportunity for public comment prior to the decision to renew, and reliance on a summary statement of evidence to make its decision to extend the exemption of each driver.

The issues raised by Advocates were addressed at length in 66 FR 17994 (April 4, 2001). The FMCSA continues to find its exemption process appropriate to the statutory and regulatory requirements.

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Rose A. McMurray,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 22, 2004.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed.

Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before May 3, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of the Public Debt (PD)

OMB Number: 1535-0091.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Regulations Governing U.S.

Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness—State and Local Government.

Description: Regulations authorizing the issuing of U.S. Treasury Bonds, Notes, and Certificated of Indebtedness of the State and Local Government Series.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden

Hours: 167 hours.

OMB Number: 1535-0092.

Form Number: PD F 4144, 4144-1, 4144-2, 4144-5, 4144-6, 4144-7 and 4144-8.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Subscription for Purchases and Issue of U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series.

Description: The information is necessary to establish the accounts of owners of securities of State and Local Government Series.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden

Hours: 2,500 hours.

Clearance Officer: Vicki S. Thorpe, (304) 480-6553, Bureau of the Public

Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, West VA 26106-1328.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0582.

Form Number: IRS Form 1139.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Corporation Application for Tentative Refund.

Description: Form 1139 is filed by corporations that expect to have a net operating loss, net capital loss, or unused general business credits carried back to a prior tax year. IRS uses Form 1139 to determine if the amount of the loss or unused credits is proper.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 3,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—27 hr., 10 min.

Learning about the law or the form—4 hr., 7 min.

Preparing the form—9 hr., 24 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 20 min.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 127,140 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue

Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0004.

Form Number: IRS Form SS-8.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

Description: Form SS-8 is used by employers and workers to furnish information to IRS in order to obtain a determination as to whether a worker is an employee for purposes of Federal employment taxes and income tax withholding. IRS uses this information to make the determination.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 6,900.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—22 hr.

Learning about the law or the form—47 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 11 min.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 165,462 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0962.

Publication Number: Publication 1075.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tax Information Security Guidelines for Federal, State, and Local Agencies.

Description: Internal Revenue Code section 6103(p) requires that IRS provide periodic reports to Congress describing safeguard procedures, utilized by agencies which receive information from the IRS, to protect the confidentiality of the information. This section also requires that these agencies furnish reports to the IRS describing their safeguards.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent: 40 hours.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 204,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1036.

Form Number: IRS Form 8716.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Election of Have a Tax Year Other Than a Required Tax Year.

Description: Filed by partnerships, S Corporations, and personal service corporations, under section 444(a), to retain or to adopt a tax year that is not a required tax year. Service Centers accept Form 8716 and use the form information to assign master-file codes that allow the Center to accept the filer's tax return filed for a tax year (fiscal year) that would not otherwise be acceptable.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 40,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—2 hr., 37 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 12 min.

Preparing and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 16 min.

Frequency of response: Other (one-time).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 204,400 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-1625.

Regulation Project Numbers: REG-105170-97 and REG-112991-01 Final.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Credit for Increasing Research Activities.

Description: These final regulations relate to the computation of the credit

under section 41© and the definition of *qualified research* under section 41(d). These regulations are intended to provide (1) guidance concerning the requirements necessary to qualify for the credit for increasing research activities, (2) guidance in computing the credit for increasing research activities, and (3) rules for electing and revoking the election of the alternative incremental credit.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 5.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper: 50 hours.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 150 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0990.

Form Number: IRS Form 8610 and Schedule A (Form 8610).

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Form 8610: Annual Law-Income Housing Credit Agencies Report; and