

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Agency/Subagency U.S. Department of Education Student Aid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	Federal Re: 2008-2009	OMB Control Number 1845-0001
Enter only items that change Current Record New Record		
Agency form number(s)	ED255	ED255
Annual reporting and record keeping hour burden		
Number of respondents	16,787,640	16,787,640
Total annual responses	16,787,640	16,787,640
Percent of these responses collected electronically	95%	95%
Total annual hours	8,016,947	8,016,947
Difference	0	
Explanation of difference	See explanation below	
Program Change		
Adjustment		
Annual reporting and record keeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized capital/startup costs	0	0
Total annual costs (O&M)	0	0
Total annualized cost requested	0	0
Difference	0	
Explanation of difference		
Program Change	0	
Adjustment	0	
<p>Background: The 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) received OMB clearance on September 9, 2006. Soon after its clearance, the bi-partisan Commission on the Future of Higher Education issued a report challenging Federal Student Aid (FSA) to notify students of their student financial assistance eligibility prior to their senior year in high school. Because FSA had traditionally required students to wait until they were seniors in high school [or beyond] to apply for student financial assistance this meant that the Department needed to develop a new tool to provide earlier notification of potential financial aid eligibility. The tool FSA developed, FAFSA4caster, is a part of FAFSA on the Web (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and assists younger students and their families by instantly calculating an estimated family contribution; informing the student of potential future Federal Pell Grant eligibility; and reducing the time needed to complete the FAFSA when the student later formally applies as a high school senior. Because the original 2007-2008 FAFSA burden hour estimate did not include the burden associated with FAFSA4caster, FSA amended the 2007-2008 FAFSA clearance packet by submitting a Change Worksheet to OMB. OMB approved this request on March 30, 2007.</p> <p>Current Activity: FSA is providing this Change Worksheet, in lieu of a full clearance packet, because there will be no change to the design, content or distribution of the 2008-2009 FAFSA. (See 'Summary of Changes' document for more information on the minor changes that are being incorporated in the 2008-2009 FAFSA) Because FSA increased both the burden hour estimate and the total annual responses estimate on the Change Worksheet (approved March 30, 2007) and because the past burden and response estimates have been higher than the actual rates, the Department is confident that any increase in the market adoption rate has been accommodated by the above estimates.</p>		
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