
19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

Note: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320/8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collections of information that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of the information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to collected (see note in item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Program Official:

Date:

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Elizabeth Hanson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Real Estate Assessment Center

Signature of Senior Officer or Designee:

Date:

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Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

A. Justification

1. Collection of this information is required by the HUD Appropriations Act for FY 1992, P.L. 102.139, 105 Stat. 736 (approved October 28, 1991). The Act provided that public housing agencies (PHAs) could purchase insurance coverage without regard to competitive selection procedures, if the insurance was purchased from a nonprofit insurance entity owned and controlled by PHAs approved by HUD, in accordance with standards established by regulation. The current regulatory reference for this collection is 24 CFR 965.205 Subpart B.

A PHA-owned insurance entity selected by a PHA to provide coverage must submit a certification to HUD, stating that the entity management and underwriting staff have certain levels of experience. For initial approvals, the entity must also submit proper organizational documentation. The nonprofit entity must submit copies of audits every year, actuarial reviews every year, and management reviews every three years.

2. HUD needs this information to assure that the PHA-owned entity is equivalent to a financially sound responsible insurance company. The information will be used to approve or disapprove the PHAs insuring with these pools rather than a licensed insurance company.

3. Improved information technology would not reduce the burden to PHAs in developing the information required by regulation. The information collected (annual financial audits, actuarial reviews, and management reviews) does not lend itself to automated or electronic submissions. The small number of respondents involved would not support the costs to automate the collection.

4. All existing information was examined and no duplication was found. There is no similar information already available which could be used or modified for the use or purposes described in Item 2 above.

5. The information being collected has no impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. The Federal statutory mandate would not be met if the collection is not conducted, or is conducted less frequently.

7. There are no special circumstances that would cause the information collection to be conducted inappropriately.

8. HUD published a Notice in the Federal Register, dated 2/14/07, giving the public a 60-day comment on this information collection proposal. The public comment ends 4/16/07. No public comments were received in response to this information collection proposal.

9. No payment or gift is provided to PHAs.

10. Assurance of confidentiality is neither provided nor needed.

11. No sensitive questions are being asked.

12. There are 22 audit respondents annually at eight hours per response. There are approximately 22 insurance claims responses over a three-year period, for an average of seven responses per year at two hours per response. We estimate the information collection requirements will have the following reporting burden:

Number of Respondents	Number of Responses	Total Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Hours
22 (audit)	1	1	8	176
7 (average per year; total of 22 claims every 3 yrs.)	1	1	2	14
				190

13. There will be no additional costs to the PHAs.

14. There will be no additional cost to the Federal Government.

15. There are no program changes reported this period.

16. The information will not be published.

17. HUD is not seeking approval to not display the expiration date of the OMB approval.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB form 83-i.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

N/A