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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N-648, Revision of  
a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form N-  
648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions; OMB Control No.  
1615-0060.

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The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and  
Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information  
collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is  
published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.  
Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June  
13, 2008.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this  
notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and  
associated response time should be directed to the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division,  
Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008,  
Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via  
facsimile to 202-272-8352, or via e-mail at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov). When  
submitting comments by e-mail, please add the OMB Control Number 1615-  
0060 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected  
agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should  
address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for  
the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of  
the collection of information, including the validity of the  
methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to  
be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form N-648. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals and households. USCIS uses the Form N-648 medical certification issued by the licensed medical professional to substantiate a claim for an exception to the requirements of section 312(a) of the Act.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 20,000 responses at 2 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 40,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: April 8, 2008.

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