

Supporting Statement
1506-0013

1. Circumstances Necessitating Collection of Information.

The collection of the information contained on Registration of Money Services Business (FinCEN Form 107) is authorized by statute (see 31 U.S.C. 5330) and required by regulation (see 31 CFR 103.41). The regulation requires money services businesses to register with the Department of the Treasury.

Money services businesses as defined in 31 CFR 103.11 are subject to the registration requirement. The Registration of Money Services Business (FinCEN Form 107) is the form money services businesses use to comply with the registration requirement.

2. Method of Collection and use of data.

The information contained on Form 107 is used by criminal investigators, as well as taxation and regulatory enforcement authorities, during the course of investigations that involve money laundering, tax violations, fraud and other financial crimes.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology to Reduce Burden.

Currently, 0% of these forms are filed using automated technology.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

There is no similar information available; thus, there is no duplication.

5. Methods to Minimize Burden on Small Businesses or other Small Entities

This collection of information does not impact small entities.

6. Consequences to the Federal Government of not collecting the Information.

This collection of information occurs after a money service business is established. A money services business must file Form 107 after the business is established. Were this collection to be reduced in frequency, the information collected would not be of use to law enforcement personnel.

7. Special Circumstances Requiring Data Collection Inconsistent with Guidelines.

There are no special circumstances.

8. Consultation with Individuals Outside of the Agency on Availability of Data, Frequency of Collection, Clarity of Instructions and Forms, and Data Elements.

The Paperwork Reduction Act 60-day notice was published on June 28, 2010, (see 75 FR 36589). This notice added providers of prepaid access to the requirement to register with the Department of the Treasury.

9. Payments and Gifts

No payments or gifts were made to respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality of Responses.

Information collected on Form 107 is made available, in accordance with strict safeguards, to appropriate criminal law enforcement, regulatory, and taxation personnel solely in the official performance of their duties.

11. Justification of Sensitive Questions.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Estimated Annual Hourly Burden.

Frequency: As required.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,700.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 40,700.

Estimate of Burden: Reporting average of 30 minutes per response; record keeping average of 30 minutes per response for a total of 60 minutes.

For providers of prepaid access: 60 minutes per recordkeeper for completion and filing, and 90 minutes for the completion, filing, and recordkeeping of the list of prepaid programs subject to the regulation. This adds an additional 1,750 hours to this requirement.

Estimate of Total Annual Burden on Respondents 41,750 hours

Estimates were based on time taken to read the instructions and complete the form.

13. Estimated Annual Cost to Respondents for Hour Burdens.

Not applicable

14. Estimated Annual Cost to the Federal Government.

Not applicable

15. Reason for Change in Burden.

The adjustments contained in item 12 stems from the addition of providers of prepaid access to the requirement for registration as a money services businesses.

16. Plans for Tabulation, Statistical Analysis, and Publication.

This collection of information will not be published.

17. Request not to Display Expiration Date of OMB Control Number.

To avoid having to reprint the form to show a new date, FinCEN is requesting permission not to display the OMB expiration date on Form 107.

18. Exceptions.

There are no exceptions to the certification statement on OMB Form 83-1.