

SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM CLAIM DOCUMENTATION FORM 22
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

Prior to their induction into the Armed Forces, persons subject to induction will be given an opportunity to submit a claim for classification in a class other than 1-A (available for unrestricted military service) whenever induction in the Armed Forces is authorized under provisions of the Military Selective Service Act. It will be the case, whether induction occurs under an Emergency Time-Phased Response, or Health Care Personnel Delivery System mobilization scenario or timetable, that person subject to induction will have an opportunity to submit claims for postponement of, and deferment or exemption from induction.

Persons conscientiously opposed to participation in war may obtain exemption from military service and/or training by submitting claims to the Local Boards to which they have been assigned. Selective Service currently recognizes two types of conscientious objectors, or Cos. The first, 1-A-O, noncombatant conscientious objectors are persons who, for religious, ethical, or moral reasons, are conscientiously opposed to war, but who do not object to performing noncombatant military duties in the Armed Forces.

The second, the 1-O, conscientious objector, is “conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form.” These persons will be supervised during a 24-month term of alternative civilian service.

Selective Service recognizes only three bases for conscientious objection: religious, ethical, or moral reasons. Upon the resumption of the induction process under any mobilization scenario, registrants would make their initial CO claims using SSS Form 22, the Conscientious Objector Claim Documentation Form. The use and collection of SSS Form 22 would be basic requirement in the conduct of the registrant claims and appeals process.

The SSS Form 22 is used primarily to assist the registrant in documenting his CO claim and there are no plans for any public use of this form prior to resumption of induction. In peacetime the form will only be used to train Selective Service System compensated and uncompensated employees in the policies and procedures involved in the administration of the Selective Service System claims and appeals process.

OMB approval is requested for SSS Form 22 so that a master copy of the approved form may be pre-positioned in each Selective Service System Alternative Service Office ready for immediate reproduction and use if induction is resumed.

Consideration of improved technology to reduce the burden is not applicable.

There is no duplication of this information.

Similar information does not exist.

This is a one time action and cannot be conducted less frequently.

No consideration was conducted with persons outside this Agency.

The confidentiality of this information is assured both by Agency policy and Agency compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature on the form.

Since the form is in a contingency status only, the annualized cost to the Federal Government is considered to be \$1.00 because the form is already printed and pre-positioned.

There are no changes in the burden.