

JUSTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY REVIEW

OMB Control No. 1405-0068

DS-1843 and DS-1622

The information collected in Form DS-1843 is needed to determine whether a candidate for a Foreign Service appointment can obtain the medical clearance that is a requirement of the appointment. Additionally, the information collected in Forms DS-1843 and DS-1622 is used to provide and to update medical clearances for individuals who participate in the Department of State's Medical Program. The information collection is essential to the mission of the Foreign Service, and form revisions are needed to clarify that the information collection is consistent with applicable authorities.

The Department has therefore determined that:

1. This collection is needed prior to the expiration of time periods normally associated with a routine submission for review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act;
2. This collection is essential to the mission of the Department of State; and
3. The use of normal clearance procedures will prevent the Department obtaining this information, which is essential to the hiring process for the Foreign Service, in a manner that is consistent with its statutory and regulatory obligations.

Therefore, the Department of State requests emergency OMB approval for this collection immediately.