

# **INFORMATION COLLECTION CLEARANCE**

## **THE SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Special Awareness Training for the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Direct Final Rule**

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#### ***Special Awareness Training for the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area 2120-0743***

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information. (Annotate the CFR parts/sections affected).***

This collection of information is required of persons who must receive training and testing under 14 CFR 91.161 in order to fly within 60 nautical miles (NM) of the Washington, DC omnidirectional range/distance measuring equipment (DCA VOR/DME). For a person to enroll in the FAA's "Washington, DC Area Training Program," persons are required to electronically furnish their names, residence addresses, and pilot certificate numbers.

This information collection supports Department of Transportation's strategic goal on security.

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.***

This collection of information is solicited by the FAA in order to establish a National database registry for those persons who are required to receive training and be tested for flying in the airspace that is within 60 NM of the DCA VOR/DME. This National database registry provides the FAA with information on how many persons and the names of those who have completed this training. This information is needed so that the FAA can answer to the U.S. Congress on the success of this program.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden. [Effective 03/22/01, your response must SPECIFICALLY reference the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), which addresses electronic filing and recordkeeping, and what you are doing to adhere to it. You must explain how you will provide a fully electronic reporting option by October 2003, or an explanation of why this is not practicable.]***

This information is collected electronically when the person logs onto the website to take the training and test. The only information that is collected is the person's name, address, and pilot certificate number and that information is collected when the person logs on to the FAA website to initiate the training and test.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose(s) described in Item 2 above.**

There is no duplicate requirement that will provide the FAA this information. This requirement for information collection is for pilots who are required to receive training and testing in order to fly within 60 NM of the DCA VOR/DME.

**5. If the collection of information has a significant impact on a substantial number of small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of the Paperwork Reduction Act submission form), describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection is required of individuals and not small business and small entities. The information is only required of the individual who intends to operate under visual flight rules (VFR) within 60 NM of the DCA VOR/DME.

**6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

The FAA anticipates that a number of U.S. Congressional subcommittees will be asking FAA management officials to account for whom and how many are taking this required training. Without this information collection requirement, the FAA will not be able to provide information to these U.S. Congressional subcommittees on the number of persons who are receiving this required training. The reason for the person to submit his name, address, and pilot certificate is only for FAA purposes to ensure positive identification for issuance of the certificate of training completion.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).**

There are no special circumstances that require this collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the general information collection guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

**8. Describe efforts to consult persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d) soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2014, vol. 79, no. 174, page 53506. No comments were received.

**9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

This question is not applicable to this information collection requirement.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The information is safeguarded on an FAA National database registry. The information will only be provided to other FAA offices for investigation purposes for airspace infractions of the airspace within 60 NM of the DCA VOR/DME. U.S. Congressional subcommittees will most likely only need the information as a total number figure.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

This information collection does not require respondents to answer questions of a sensitive nature, or on matters of a sexual behavior, sexual attitudes, religious beliefs, and other sensitive, private matters. As stated previously in some of the preceding answers to the questions, the only information that is collected is the person's name, address, and pilot certificate number, and that information is collected when the person logs on to the FAA website to initiate the training and test.

**12. Provide estimates of hour burden of the collection of information.**

Cost of training and exam: Each person would need Special Awareness Training for the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area and to take a test on the training. To calculate this cost the following assumptions were used, paralleling those in the regulatory evaluation:

- The FAA estimates that approximately 87,000 pilots that fly VFR within 60 nautical miles of the DCA VOR/DME are affected by the rule.

- Based on the FAA's Aerospace Forecasts, for fiscal years 2009-2017, the FAA estimated that the affected population of pilots would grow at approximately 0.14 percent per year.
- We estimate that the cost of time for persons who must complete the training program is \$31.50 an hour.
- We assume that each person will spend 40 minutes training and 20 minutes taking a test.

Annual Costs (Following the initial year)

Subsequent Years (2009-2017)					
Year	Number of new pilots	Cost per hour	Hours	Time	Cost
	a	b	c	a x c	a x b x c
2009	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2010	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2011	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2012	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2013	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2014	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2015	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2016	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>
2017	122	\$31.50	1.00	<b>122.00</b>	<b>\$3,843</b>

Total over 10 years

Total Over 10 Years					
Year	Number of new pilots	Cost per hour	Hours	Time	Cost
	a	b	c	a x c	a x b x c
2008	87,000	\$31.50	1.00	87,000.00	\$2,740,500
2009	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2010	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2011	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2012	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2013	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2014	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2015	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2016	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
2017	122	\$31.50	1.00	122.00	\$3,843
<b>Total (2008-2017)</b>				<b>88,098.00</b>	<b>\$2,775,087</b>

Average per year

The efforts that produced the larger first-year cost have concluded. Therefore the average annual burdens are:

Cost = \$3,843.

Time = 122 hours.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.**

There are no additional costs.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, and other expenses that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

There are no additional costs. The costs to host and manage the course, to develop and maintain a national registry, and to enter data into the national registry to keep a record of who took the course are "sunk costs."

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.**

There is no burden change from the previous submission.

**16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.**

The information collected will not be published. The information will only be maintained on an FAA National database registry.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

The FAA is not seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.**

There is no exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.