

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
VA FORM 29-0165
VA MATIC ENROLLMENT/CHANGE
2900-0525**

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection of information.

The form is used by the insured to enroll or change the account number and/or bank from which a VA MATIC deduction was previously authorized. The information requested is authorized by law, 38 USC 1908.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purposes the information is to be used; indicate actual use the agency has made of the information received from current collection.

The data collected on the form is used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to process the insured's request.

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.

This form is available on the VA Insurance website in a fillable format.

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

The information is not contained in any other VA records. Similar information is not available elsewhere.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The collection of information does not involve small businesses or entities.

6. Describe the consequences 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 form is designed for use by the insured to enroll or change the bank account and/or bank from which VA currently deducts his/her premium payments.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted more often than quarterly or require respondents to prepare written responses to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it; submit more than an original and two copies of any document; retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years; in connection with a statistical survey that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study and require the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB.

There are no special circumstances requiring the collection of information be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the 5 CFR 1320.6 guidelines.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the sponsor'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 sponsor in responses to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

The Department notice was published in the Federal Register on July 24, 2015, Volume 80, No. 142, pages 44199-44200. No comments were received.

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

No payments or gifts to respondents have been made under this collection of information.

10. Describe any assurance of privacy, to the extent permitted by law, provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

The information collection conforms with the Privacy Act of 1974 and is subject to the conditions of disclosure contained therein. The records are maintained in the system identified as 36VA00, "Veterans and Armed Forces Personnel United States Government Life Insurance Records - VA" as contained in the Privacy Act Issuances, 1993 Compilation.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature (Information that, with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is likely to have a serious adverse effect on an individual's mental or physical health if revealed to him or her), such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private; include specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of the hour burden of the collection of information:

Estimate of Information Collection Burden.

- a. Number of Respondents: 5000
- b. Frequency of Response: On occasion
- c. Annual Burden Hours: 1,250 hours
- d. Estimated Completion Time: 15 minutes
- e. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Hourly Earnings, the cost to the respondent is \$25, making the total cost to the respondents an estimated \$31,250 (1,250 burden hours x \$25 per hour).

We estimate that approximately 5,000 forms a year will be received. We also estimate that it will take approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. We arrived at this estimate by initiating a trial with a VA staff member unfamiliar with the form. The annual burden is 1,250 hours.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).

This submission does not involve any recordkeeping costs.

14. Provide estimates of annual cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operation expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

Estimated Costs to the Federal Government:

\$4,495.00	Estimated mailing cost (5,000 X 2 minutes per form X \$15.51/hour (average salary for station vmail personnel) (\$2,585) plus 5,000 X 38.2 cents each (presort discount) (\$1,910)).
\$2,330.00	Estimated cost for collections (5,000 X 2 minutes per X \$13.98/hour (average salary of station collections personnel)).
\$8,263.00	Estimated cost for processing (5,000 forms X 5 minutes per form X \$19.83/hour (average salary for reviewers)).
\$150.00	Estimated printing costs (5,000 X \$30/1,000 forms).
\$15,238.00	Total cost to the Government.

15. Explain the reason for any burden hour changes since the last submission.

There is no change in respondent burden. The Expiration Date was added to the form.

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 collection is not for publication or tabulation use.

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.

We are not seeking approval to omit the expiration date for OMB approval.

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

This submission does not contain any exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This collection of information does not employ statistical methods.