

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection—Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures—Extension Without Change.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission gives notice of its intent to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal of the information collection described below.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before April 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Bernadette Wilson, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commenters, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments totaling six or fewer pages by facsimile (“FAX”) machine. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment. The telephone number of the fax receiver is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number). Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTD). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Instead of sending written comments to EEOC, you may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments. All comments received through this portal will be posted without change, including any personal information you provide, except as noted below. The EEOC reserves the right to refrain from posting comments, including those that contain obscene, indecent, or profane language; that contain threats or defamatory statements; that contain hate speech directed at race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, or genetic information; or that promote or endorse services or products. All comments received, including any personal information provided, also will be available for public inspection during normal business hours by appointment

only at the EEOC Headquarters Library, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20507. Upon request, individuals who require assistance viewing comments will be provided appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. To schedule an appointment, contact EEOC Library staff at (202) 663-4630 (voice) or (202) 663-4641 (TTY). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Oram, Acting Assistant Legal Counsel, at (202) 663-4681 (voice) or (202) 663-7026 (TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission) gives notice of its intent to submit the recordkeeping requirements contained in the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures (UGESP or Uniform Guidelines)¹ to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a three-year extension without change under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

Request for Comments

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the EEOC invites public comments that will enable the agency to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, to be collected; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of Current Information Collection

Collection Title: Recordkeeping Requirements of the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures, 29 CFR part 1607, 41 CFR part 60-3, 28 CFR part 50, 5 CFR part 300.

OMB Number: 3046-0017.

¹ 29 CFR, part 1607, 41 CFR part 60-3, 28 CFR part 50, 5 CFR part 300.

Type of Respondent: Businesses or other institutions; Federal Government; State or local governments and farms.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code: Multiple.

Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC): Multiple.

Description of Affected Public: Any employer, Government contractor, labor organization, or employment agency covered by the Federal equal employment opportunity laws.

Respondents: 961,709.

Responses: 2 961,709.

Recordkeeping Hours: 7,825,132 per year.

Number of Forms: None.

Form Number: None.

Frequency of Report: None.

Abstract: The Uniform Guidelines provide fundamental guidance for all Title VII-covered employers about the use of employment selection procedures. The records addressed by UGESP are used by respondents to ensure that they are complying with Title VII and Executive Order 11246; by the Federal agencies that enforce Title VII and Executive Order 11246 to investigate, conciliate, and litigate charges of employment discrimination; and by complainants to establish violations of Federal equal employment opportunity laws. While there is no data available to quantify these benefits, the collection of accurate applicant flow data enhances each employer’s ability to address any deficiencies in recruitment and selection processes, including detecting barriers to equal employment opportunity.

Burden Statement: There are no reporting requirements associated with UGESP. The burden being estimated is the cost of collecting and storing a job applicant’s gender, race, and ethnicity data.

The only paperwork burden derives from this recordkeeping. Only employers covered under Title VII and Executive Order 11246 are subject to UGESP. For the purposes of burden calculation, employers with 15 or more employees are counted. The number of such employers is estimated at 961,709 which combines estimates from private employment,² the public sector,³

² Source: U.S. Small Business Administration: Statistics of U.S. Business, Release Date 1/2017. (<https://www.sba.gov/advocacy/firm-size-data>). Select U.S. Static Data, U.S. Data.

³ Source of original data: 2012 Census of Governments: Employment. Individual Government Data File (https://www2.census.gov/govs/apes/12ind_all_tabs.xls), Local Downloadable Data zip file 12ind_all_tabs.xls. The number of government entities was adjusted to only include those with 15 or more employees.

colleges and universities,⁴ and referral unions.⁵

This burden assessment is based on an estimate of the number of job applications submitted to all Title VII-covered employers in one year, including paper-based and electronic applications. The total number of job applications submitted every year to covered employers is estimated to be 1,878,031,768, based on a National Organizations Survey⁶ average of approximately 35 applications⁷ for every hire and a Bureau of Labor Statistics data estimate of 62,719,000 annual hires.⁸ This figure also includes 146,506 applicants for union membership reported on the EEO-3 form for 2016.

The employer burden associated with collecting and storing applicant demographic data is based on the following assumptions: Applicants would need to be asked to provide three pieces of information—sex, race/ethnicity, and an identification number (a total of approximately 13 keystrokes); the employer would need to transfer information received to a database either manually or electronically; and the employer would need to store the 13 characters of information for each applicant. Recordkeeping costs and burden are assumed to be the time cost associated with entering 13 keystrokes.

Assuming that the required recordkeeping takes 30 seconds per record, and assuming a total of 1,878,031,768 paper and electronic applications per year (as calculated above), the total UGESP burden hours for all employers would be 7,825,132. Based on a wage rate of \$15.21 per hour for the individuals entering the data, the collection and storage of applicant demographic data would come to approximately \$119,020,258 per year for all Title VII-covered employers. We

⁴ Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS, Fall 2015. Number and percentage distribution of Title IV institutions, by control of institution, level of institution, and region: United States and other U.S. jurisdictions, academic year 2015–1 (<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2016122rev>).

⁵ EEO-3 Reports filed by referral unions in 2016 with EEOC.

⁶ The National Organizations Survey is a survey of business organizations across the United States in which the unit of analysis is the actual workplace (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/04074>).

⁷ The number of applications provided by NOS is 35.225 and therefore calculations will not result in the same total amount due to rounding.

⁸ Bureau of Labor Statistics Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, 2016 annual level data (Not seasonally adjusted), (<http://www.bls.gov/jlt/data.htm>) is the source of the original data. The BLS figure (62,719,000) has been adjusted to only include hires by firms with 15 or more employees.

expect that the foregoing assumptions are over-inclusive, because many employers have electronic job application processes that should be able to capture applicant flow data automatically.

However, the average burden per employer is relatively small. As stated above, we estimate that UGESP applies to 961,709 employers. Therefore, the cost per covered employer is less than \$124 each (\$119,020,258 divided by 961,709 is equal to \$123.76). Additionally, UGESP allows for simplified recordkeeping for employers with more than 15 but less than 100 employees.⁹

For the Commission.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

Victoria A. Lipnic,
Acting Chair.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission or Agency) has modified an existing system of records, FCC/OGC–3, Adjudication of Internal Complaints against Employees, subject to the *Privacy Act of 1974*, as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of records maintained by the Agency. The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) uses the personally identifiable information (PII) in this system for purposes that include, but are not limited to settlement negotiations with opposing parties and to prepare for litigation before an administrative body or a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

⁹ See 29 CFR 1607.15A(1): *Simplified recordkeeping for users with less than 100 employees.* In order to minimize recordkeeping burdens on employers who employ one hundred (100) or fewer employees, and other users not required to file EEO–1, *et seq.*, reports, such users may satisfy the requirements of this section 15 if they maintain and have available records showing, for each year: (a) The number of persons hired, promoted, and terminated for each job, by sex, and where appropriate by race and national origin; (b) the number of applicants for hire and promotion by sex and where appropriate by race and national origin; and (c) the selection procedures utilized (either standardized or not standardized).

DATES: This action will become effective on February 22, 2018. The routine uses in this action will become effective on March 26, 2018 unless comments are received that require a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Leslie F. Smith, Privacy Manager, Information Technology (IT), Room 1–C216, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, or to Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie F. Smith, (202) 418–0217, or Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov (and to obtain a copy of the Narrative Statement and the Supplementary Document, which includes details of the proposed alterations to this system of records).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update and amend FCC/OGC–3, Adjudication of Internal Complaints against Employees, as a result of an increased use of electronic information technology. The substantive changes and modifications to the previously published version of the FCC/OGC–3 system of records include:

1. Updating the language in the Security Classification to follow with OMB guidance.
2. Minor changes to the Purposes, Categories of Individuals, and Categories of Records to be consistent the language and phrasing now used in the FCC's SORNs.
3. Deletion of two routine uses: (2) Public Access since releases under the FOIA are covered by 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(2), so a separate routine use for them is not needed; and (6) Employment, Clearances, Licensing, Contract, Grant, or other Benefits Decisions by other than the agency, and its replacement with a new routine use: (5) For Certain Disclosures to Other Agencies to make information available to another Federal agency.
4. Updating language and/or renumbering seven routine uses: (1) Adjudication and Litigation; (2) Law Enforcement and Investigation; (3) Congressional Inquiries; (4) Government-wide Program Management and Oversight; (6) Employment, Clearances, Licensing, Contract, Grant, or other Benefits Decisions by the FCC; and (7) Labor Relations.
5. Adding three other new routine uses: (8) Breach Notification to address the Commission's real or suspected data breach situations; (9) Assistance to Federal Agencies and Entities for assistance with other Federal agencies' data breach situations; and (10) For Non-Federal Personnel to allow contractors performing or working on a contract for the Federal Government