DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0406]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Verification of VA

**Benefits** 

**AGENCY:** Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this

notice announces that the Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, will

submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of

the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual

data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before **June 24, 2019**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through

www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC

20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer

to "OMB Control No. 2900–0406" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21

Title: Verification of VA Benefits, 26-8937

OMB Control Number: 2900-0406.

<u>Type of Review</u>: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8937 is designed to assist lenders and VA in the completion of

debt checks in a uniform manner. The form restricts information requested to only that

needed for the debt check and also eliminates unlimited versions of lender-designed

forms.

Lenders ensure the completion of the upper portion of VA Form 26-8937, including

that the veteran's authorization for release of the information, and forward it to the

appropriate VA Officer. VA personnel perform the debt check, complete the balance of

the form, and return it to the lender, who considers any repayment terms in evaluating

the veteran's creditworthiness. Following the closing of any loan, the lender submits the

form with the loan report and related documents for past closing review. The form is

reviewed by a loan examiner to ensure that debt check requirements have been

observed in each case.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to

a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on

this collection of information was published at 84 FR 9214 Pages 9214-9215 (2

pages).

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

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Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120,000.

By direction of the Secretary:

## Danny Green,

VA Interim Clearance Officer,

Office of Quality, Performance, Privacy and Risk (OQPR),

Department of Veterans Affairs

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