

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0745]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Certificate of Veteran Status

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 oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0745” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or e-mail Danny.Green2@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0745” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Request for Certificate of Veteran Status, VA form 26-8261a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0745.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8261a is used by VA to determine an applicant's eligibility for a possible reduced down payment when obtaining a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), under the provisions of Section 203(b)(2) or 220(d)(a) of the National Housing Act as amended. FHA actually provides the benefit. However, VA is charged with determining if the veteran-applicant meets the basic eligibility requirements regarding length and character of service. If eligibility is established, VA issues the applicant a Certificate of Veterans Status that is then used when the borrower obtains an FHA insured loan. This certificate gives the borrower the possibility of a reduced down payment on an FHA backed loan.

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 8153 on March 6, 2019, pages 8153 and 8154.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4 hours

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

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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