

reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Amended Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 16, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, at (202) 317-5753, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov](mailto:Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Amended Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1759.

*Form Number:* 720-X.

*Abstract:* Form 720X is used to make adjustments to liability reported on forms 720 you have filed for previous quarters. It can be filed by itself or it can be attached to any subsequent Form 720. Code section 6416(d) allows taxpayers to take a credit on a subsequent return rather than filing a refund claim. The creation of Form 720X is to provide a uniform standard for trust fund accounting.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to Form 720-X at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 22,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 6 hrs., 56 mins.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 152,460.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments will be of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: December 10, 2020.

**Martha R. Brinson,**  
*Tax Analyst.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0110]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release From Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354, or email [danny.green2@va.gov](mailto:danny.green2@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 38 U.S.C. 3713(a) and 3714 and 3702(b)(2).

*Title:* Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release from Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0110.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-6381 is completed by Veterans who are selling their homes by assumption rather than requiring purchasers to obtain their own financing to pay off the loan. The data furnished on the form is essential to determinations for assumption approval, release of liability, and substitution of entitlement in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 3713(a) and 3714 and 3702(b)(2).

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 85 FR 196, on October 8, 2020, page 63660.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 42 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0862]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0862" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger, (202) 632-8924.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Authority:* Public Law 115-55; 38 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

*Title:* Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review (VA Form 20-0996).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0862.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 20-0996, *Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review* is used by a claimant to formally request a Higher-Level Review of an initial VA decision, in accordance with the Appeals Modernization Act. The information collected is used by VA to identify the issues in dispute which the claimant seeks review of in the Higher-Level Review Lane. Additionally, the information collected is used to schedule a telephonic informal conference, when requested.

This is revision to the form. Changes include significant revisions to the

instructions section to make them easier to understand. New sections were added to the form to provide clarify and easier completion: Claimant's Identification Information, Benefit Type, SOC/SSOC Opt-In from Legacy Appeals System, and Authorized Representative Signature. The section on requesting informal conferences was edited to make it easier to understand and complete. Examples were added to the Issues for Higher-Level Review section. Formatting changes were made to simplify the form. Optical character recognition boxes were added to assist scanning technology.

There is a decrease in the respondent burden because the associated control number originally included two forms but we are using this revision to separate the two forms into two control numbers and only VA Form 20-0996 will remain under the current control number.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 23,375 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 85,500.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Danny S. Green,**

*VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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