

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Statement of Assurance of Compliance With 85 Percent Enrollment Ratios

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 new 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 September 27, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence. During the comment

period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

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: Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3680A(d) and 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21.4201

Title: Statement of Assurance of Compliance with 85 Percent Enrollment Ratios, VA Form 22-10215 and VA Form 22-10215a.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: This form will be used to satisfy requirements as outlined. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized to pay education benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, and 35 of title 38, U.S.C. and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.

As part of the benefits authorization process, Code of Federal Regulations (CR) Title 38§ 21.4201 places restrictions on enrollment based on the percentage of students receiving financial support in any approved program. Except as otherwise provided by regulation, VA shall not approve an enrollment in any course for an eligible Veteran, not already enrolled, for any period during which more than 85 percent of the students enrolled in the course are having all or part of their tuition fees or other charges paid for them by the educational institution or by VA under title 38, U.S.C., or under title 10, U.S.C. This is known as the 85/15 Rule and is applicable to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) and Non-College Degree postsecondary schools (NCDs).

The requirements apply to all courses, not otherwise exempt or waiver offered by all educational institutions, regardless whether the institution is degree-granting, proprietary profit, proprietary nonprofit, eleemosynary, public and/or tax-supported.

These schools are required to submit information necessary to determine if their programs of training are approved for the payment of VA educational assistance. This specified information is submitted either to VA or to the State Approving Agency (SAA) having jurisdiction over that school.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 40,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

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