

WHITE PAPER
Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP)
OMB Control Number 2900-XXXX (VA Form 22-1990S)

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The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear OIRA Desk Officer:

Pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, the Department of Veterans Affairs requests emergency approval by April 8, 2020, of the use of the Application for Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP), VA Form 22-1990S. The Application for Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) is an essential instrument which the VA plans using to collect information from unemployed Veterans who were impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and seek to be rapidly retrained in a high technology program or another program designed to provide training for a high-demand occupation. We are seeking an emergency clearance to allow Veterans the opportunity to apply for the retraining assistance so that VA may determine their eligibility.

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) was enacted on March 11, 2021, and was effective immediately. VRRAP is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 8006. VA's authority to pay retraining assistance benefits ends 21 months after enactment (December 10, 2022) and is limited to a maximum of 17,250 participants or \$386 million dollars.

VA has determined that this request meets the criteria of 5 CFR 1320.13, in that the collection of information is needed prior to the expiration of time periods established under 5 CFR 1320, it is essential to the mission of VA to collect this information. The use of normal clearance procedures, which will take at least 90 days, would hinder the mission of VA by effectively decreasing the already limited time period during which unemployed Veterans may receive assistance. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days.

If you have any questions and/or confirm a publication date, please contact Maribel Aponte, Privacy Act Officer at Maribel.aponte@va.gov.

Sincerely,