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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; 30-Day Comment Request: Generic Clearance To Collect Stakeholder Feedback on the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, (NIMH)

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Andrew Hooper, NIMH Project Clearance Liaison, Science Policy and Evaluation Branch, Office of Science Policy, Planning and Communications, NIMH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, MSC 9667, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, call (301) 480-8433, or email your request, including your mailing address, to nimhprapubliccomments@mail.nih.gov. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2021, pages 23974-23975 (Vol. 86, No. 85) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health, may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below.

Proposed Collection Title: Generic Clearance to Collect Stakeholder Feedback on the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, 0925-0756, EXTENSION, exp., date 07/31/2021, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: This request serves as notice that the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) plans to collect stakeholder feedback to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) initiative. NIMH launched RDoC in 2009 to implement Strategy 1.4 of the 2008 NIMH Strategic Plan: “Develop new ways of classifying disorders based on dimensions of observable behaviors and brain functions.” Rather than beginning with a syndrome and then working “down” to clarify mechanisms, the aim of RDoC is to guide research that begins with disruptions in neurobiological and behavioral mechanisms, and then works across systems to clarify connections among such disruptions and clinical symptoms. NIMH has developed social media platforms and tools for the RDoC initiative, including a dedicated RDoC twitter account (https://twitter.com/nimh_rdoc), the RDoC website, which also houses the RDoC matrix (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/rdoc/index.shtml>), and several educational and training resources (including webinars) to educate the field and interface with scientists who may have questions about RDoC (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/rdoc/rdoc-educational-and-training-resources.shtml>). The evaluation approach will be conducted using surveys centered around current content (i.e., website, twitter, and webinars), as well as open ended surveys that will cover the scientific content of RDoC. The information collected will be used by NIMH staff to determine success of the RDoC initiative, develop future directions and endeavors, and to help guide programmatic priorities for RDoC and the Institute.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 490.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Instrument type	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden hours
Workshops	50	1	8	400
Interviews	10	1	30/60	5
Surveys	100	1	30/60	50
Focus Groups	10	1	1	10
Assessment Forms	100	1	15/60	25
Total	270	270	490

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Employment Authorization for Yemeni F-1 Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Yemen

AGENCY: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Yemen (regardless of country of birth) and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen.

The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to Yemeni citizens who are lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain F-1 nonimmigrant student status. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.

DATES: This notice will be effective on September 4, 2021 and will remain in effect through March 3, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW, Stop 5600, Washington, DC 20536-5600; email: sevp@ice.dhs.gov, telephone: (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information is available at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary is exercising authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to temporarily suspend the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Yemen who are present in the United States in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant student status as of September 4, 2021, and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen. Suspension of the employment limitations will be available from September 4, 2021 until March 3, 2023, for those who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status as of September 4, 2021. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the F-1 nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load set forth in this notice.¹ See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

Who is covered by this notice?

This notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- (1) Are citizens of Yemen (regardless of country of birth);
- (2) Are lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on September 4, 2021, under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i);
- (3) Are enrolled in an academic institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for enrollment of F-1 nonimmigrant students;
- (4) Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and
- (5) Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen.

This notice applies to F-1 nonimmigrant students in an approved

¹ Because the suspension of requirements under this notice applies throughout an academic term during which the suspension is in effect, DHS considers an F-1 nonimmigrant student who engages in a reduced course load or employment (or both) after this notice is effective to be engaging in a “full course of study,” see 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6), and eligible for employment authorization, through the end of any academic term for which such student is matriculated as of March 3, 2023, provided the student satisfies the minimum course load requirement in this notice. DHS also considers students who engage in online coursework pursuant to ICE coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) guidance for nonimmigrant students to be in compliance with regulations while such guidance remains in effect. See ICE Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19, available at <https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus> [last visited May 2021].

private school in grades kindergarten through grade 12, public school in grades 9 through 12, and undergraduate and graduate education. An F-1 nonimmigrant student covered by this notice who transfers to another SEVP-certified academic institution remains eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

Why is DHS taking this action?

DHS initially designated Yemen for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) on September 3, 2015, based on ongoing armed conflict in the country resulting from the July 2014 offensive by the Houthis, a northern opposition group that initiated a violent, territorial expansion across the country, eventually forcing the Yemeni government leaders into exile in Saudi Arabia.²

As a result of the ongoing armed conflict and continuous crisis in Yemen, the Secretary has redesignated and extended TPS for Yemen for 18 months, effective September 4, 2021. Consistent with USCIS designation for TPS for Yemen, this notice provides relief to Yemeni F-1 nonimmigrant students experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the crisis in Yemen. DHS has reviewed conditions in Yemen and determined that making employment authorization available for eligible nonimmigrant students is warranted. This notice will enable Yemeni F-1 nonimmigrant students to request employment authorization, carry a reduced course load, and increase the number of authorized hours for employment.

The civil war in Yemen has entered its eighth year, killing an estimated 233,000 individuals.³ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has recorded 69,160 Yemeni refugees and asylum-seekers in neighboring countries.⁴ Over 4 million people have been internally displaced within Yemen, and 166,000 of those

² USCIS *DHS Announces Temporary Protected Status Designation for Yemen*, available at: <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/dhs-announces-temporary-protected-status-designation-for-yemen> [last visited May 2021].

³ United Nations News *UN humanitarian office puts Yemen war dead at 233,000, mostly from ‘indirect causes’* available at <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1078972#:~:text=UN%20Podcasts-,UN%20humanitarian%20office%20puts%20Yemen%20war%20dead,%2C%20mostly%20from%20indirect%20causes%20text=Millions%20of%20children%20across%20Yemen,lack%20of%20basic%20health%20services> [last visited May 2021].

⁴ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) *Refugee Data Finder 2015–2020* available at <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/download/?url=Gb4fe1> [last visited May 2021].