

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 if 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.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: September 9, 2021.

Ronald J. Durbala,
IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Financial Research Advisory Committee for the Treasury's Office of Financial Research (OFR) is convening for its eighteenth meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 via webcast, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the

public, and advance registration is required.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 29, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webcast using Zoom. Participants are required to register ahead of time. Register in advance for the meeting using this Zoom attendee registration link: https://ofr-treasury.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_ceA_TMBGTzOiiUVIUDNzG.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with a unique link to join the meeting.

Reasonable Accommodation: If you require a reasonable accommodation or sign language interpreter, please contact ReasonableAccommodationRequests@treasury.gov. Please submit requests at least five days before the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Avstreich, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, (202) 927-8032 (this is not a toll-free number), or OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov. Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102-3.150, *et seq.*

Public Comment: Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the Financial Research Advisory Committee are invited to submit written statements by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Statements.* Email the Committee's Designated Federal Officer at OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov.

- *Paper Statements.* Send paper statements in triplicate to the Financial Research Advisory Committee, Attn: Melissa Avstreich, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

The OFR will post statements on the Committee's website, <https://www.financialresearch.gov/frac/>, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The OFR will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's library, Annex Room 1020, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220 on

official business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. You may make an appointment to inspect statements by calling (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Agenda/Topics for Discussion: The Committee provides an opportunity for researchers, industry leaders, and other qualified individuals to offer their advice and recommendations to the OFR, which, among other things, is responsible for collecting and standardizing data on financial institutions and their activities and for supporting the work of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

This is the eighteenth meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee. Topics to be discussed among all members are the transition from the London Interbank Offered Rate to alternative benchmarks, the Office of Financial Research's work related to central clearing parties, and cybersecurity. For more information on the OFR and the Committee, please visit the OFR's website at <https://www.financialresearch.gov>.

Sean Dillon,
Senior Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0021]

Agency Information Collection Activity: VA LOAN ELECTRONIC REPORTING INTERFACE (VALERI) SYSTEM

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 extension 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 November 15, 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. 2900-0021" 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. 2900-0021" 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: 38 CFR 36.4338(a).

Title: VA LOAN ELECTRONIC REPORTING INTERFACE (VALERI) SYSTEM.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0021.

Type of Review: Extension of an approved information collection.

Abstract: VA is submitting a regular extension for an already approved collection. VA provides the authority for VA-guaranteed mortgage servicers to assist Veteran borrowers and their families experiencing financial difficulty. VA then provides oversight of

the servicers' actions by collecting specific documentation and data. In today's environment, this collection is done via the VALERI application.

VA submitted an emergency information collection request, which was approved to January 31, 2022, to account for data collection requirements associated with the COVID-19 Refund Modification. Much like VA's temporary COVID-19 Veterans Assistance Partial Claim Payment program (COVID-VAPCP), servicers who offer the COVID-19 Refund Modification are required to report information related to selecting this home retention option to VA electronically.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 70 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 minute.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 967.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Alt, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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