

social security number, and their return address.

**EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:**  
N/A.

**HISTORY:**

VA Mobile Application Environment (MAE)-VA (173VA005OP2) last full publication provided in 78 FR 66806 dated November 6, 2013

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0576]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Certification of Affirmation of Enrollment Agreement Correspondence Course**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VBA), 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 Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information 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 January 7, 2022.

**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. 2900-0576" 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](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0576" 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 U.S.C. 3686(b); 38 U.S.C. 3323(a); 10 U.S.C. 16131, and 38 CFR 21.74256(b).

*Title:* Certification of Affirmation of Enrollment Agreement Correspondence Course.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0576.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA uses information from the current collection to pay education benefits for correspondence training. This information allows VA to determine if the claimant has been informed of the 5-day reflection period required by law.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 69.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0613]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Record Keeping at Flight Schools**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information 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 January 7, 2022.

**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. 2900-0613" 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](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0613" 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 U.S.C. 3690(c); 38 CFR 21.4263(h)(3).

*Title:* Record Keeping at Flight Schools.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0613.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* The State approving agencies that approve courses for VA training use these records to determine if courses offered by flight schools should be approved. VA representatives use the records to determine the accuracy of payments made to VA students at flight schools.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for Profit or Not for Profit Schools.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 557 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,672.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Loan Guaranty: Maximum Allowable Fees for Legal Services

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides updated information to participants in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Home Loan Guaranty program concerning the maximum allowable fees for legal services performed in connection with the foreclosure of single-family housing loans. This notice also provides updated information concerning the legal fees for bankruptcy-related services. The table in this notice contains the amounts the Secretary has determined to be reasonable and customary in all states, following an annual review of the

amounts allowed by other Government-related home loan programs.

**DATES:** The new maximum allowable fees for legal services will be allowed for all guaranty claims submitted to VA on or after December 8, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Andrew Trevayne, Assistant Director for Loan and Property Management, Loan Guaranty Service (261), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-8795. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The VA Home Loan Guaranty program authorized by title 38, United States Code, chapter 37, offers a partial guaranty against loss to lenders who make home loans to Veterans. VA regulations concerning the payment of loan guaranty claims are set forth at 38 CFR 36.4300, *et seq.* Computation of guaranty claims is addressed in 38 CFR 36.4324, which states that one part of the indebtedness upon which the guaranty percentage is applied is the “[a]llowable expenses/advances as described in [38 CFR 36.4314].” 38 CFR 36.4324(a)(2). Section 36.4314(b)(5)(ii) describes the procedures to be followed in determining what constitutes the reasonable and customary fees for legal services performed in connection with the foreclosure of single-family housing loans.

Pursuant to § 36.4314(b)(5)(ii), the Secretary is required to annually review allowances for legal fees in connection with the foreclosure of single-family housing loans, including bankruptcy-related services, issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). In March 2021, Fannie Mae issued revisions to their allowances for legal fees. Fannie Mae, *Allowable Foreclosure Attorney Fees Exhibit*, Servicing Guide (March 10, 2021), <https://servicing-guide.fanniemae.com>. The following month, HUD announced its plans to adopt Fannie Mae’s fee structure by August. HUD, *National Servicing Center Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 Section III: Servicing and Loss Mitigation Key Changes* (April 22, 2021), [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SFH/documents/sfh\\_hb\\_4000\\_1\\_sect\\_3\\_serv\\_loss\\_mit\\_04\\_22\\_21.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SFH/documents/sfh_hb_4000_1_sect_3_serv_loss_mit_04_22_21.pdf). Freddie Mac has also announced new allowances for legal fees, effective September 27, 2021. Freddie Mac, *Approved Attorney Fees*

*and Title Expenses*, Seller/Servicer Guide Exhibit 57A (September 27, 2021), <https://guide.freddiemac.com/app/guide/exhibitRev/57A,09-27-2021>.

VA has reviewed and considered the legal fees allowed by each entity. Based on increases in fees for legal services announced by these Government-related home loan programs, the Secretary is publishing in the **Federal Register** a table setting forth the revised amounts the Secretary has determined to be reasonable and customary. The table reflects the primary method for foreclosing in each state, either judicial or non-judicial, with the exception of those states where either judicial or non-judicial is acceptable. The use of a method not authorized in the table will require prior approval from VA. This table will be available throughout the year at: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/servicers\\_valeri\\_rules.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/HOMELOANS/servicers_valeri_rules.asp).

There has been no change to the amounts VA will allow for bankruptcy filing fees. However, VA is clarifying that VA allows for a bankruptcy filing fee regardless of whether a bankruptcy release is obtained. VA notes that its current regulation at 38 CFR 36.4314(b)(5)(i) authorizes “[f]ees for legal services actually performed.” Regardless of whether a bankruptcy filing results in a release, legal services may have been performed in addressing the filing. Allowing fees for a bankruptcy filing is also consistent with the other Government-related home loan programs. See HUD, *National Servicing Center Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1 Section III: Servicing and Loss Mitigation Key Changes* (April 22, 2021), [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SFH/documents/sfh\\_hb\\_4000\\_1\\_sect\\_3\\_serv\\_loss\\_mit\\_04\\_22\\_21.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SFH/documents/sfh_hb_4000_1_sect_3_serv_loss_mit_04_22_21.pdf); Fannie Mae, *Allowable Bankruptcy Attorney Fees Exhibit*, Servicing Guide (September 11, 2019), <https://servicing-guide.fanniemae.com>; Freddie Mac, *Approved Attorney Fees and Title Expenses*, Seller/Servicer Guide Exhibit 57A (September 27, 2021), <https://guide.freddiemac.com/app/guide/exhibitRev/57A,09-27-2021>. VA will continue to monitor fees for legal services on an annual basis and publish updates in the **Federal Register** as VA deems necessary.

The following table reflects the Secretary’s determination of the reasonable and customary fees for legal services for the primary method for foreclosing in each state.