SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Internal Revenue Service

Form 8892

Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File Form 709 and/or Payment of Gift/Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax

OMB Control Number - 1545-1913

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The service has had a longstanding problem with the misapplication of gift tax payments that are made with Form 4868. To address this problem, Form 8892 was created as authorized by IRC sections 6151 and 6081 and Regulation sections 25.6151-1 and 25.6081-1. The form serves a dual purpose. First, the form enables taxpayers to request an extension of time to file Form 709, when they are not filing an individual income tax extension. Second, the form serves as a payment voucher for taxpayers, who are filing an individual income tax extension (by Form 4868) and will have a gift tax balance due on Form 709.

2. USE OF DATA

The information is to be used to (a) grant or deny requests for extension to file Form 709, and process payments of Gift/GST tax. The information will be used to ensure that gift/GST tax payments are properly applied to taxpayer accounts.

1. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We have no plans at this time to offer electronic filing because of the low volume compared to the cost of electronic enabling.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHERSMALL ENTITIES

There is no burden on small businesses or entities by this collection due to the inapplicability of the authorizing statute to this type of entity.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Less frequent collection on federal programs and policy activities would result in the IRS inability to grant timely requests for extension to file Form 709, and the processing of payments of Gift/GST tax under sections 6081 and 6151 of the code; thereby endangering the IRS to meet its mission.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE

INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

This data collection is not inconsistent with guidelines in 5CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

In response to the *Federal Register* notice (86 FR 62602), dated November 10, 2021, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 8892.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payments or gifts are being provided to respondents.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

The SSN is used for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents.

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the “Returns Inventory and Classification System (RICS)” and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.046 BMF Business Master File and IRS 34.037 IRS Audit trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service’s PIAs can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA>

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers. (SSNs) in IRS systems.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

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The burden estimate is as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Authority | Description | # of Respondents | #Responses per  Respondent | Annual  Response | Hours per  Response | Total Burden |
| IRC  6081 and 6151 | Form 8892 | 21 | 1 | 21 | .76 | 16 |

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal government cost estimate is based on a model that considers the following three cost factors for each information product: aggregate labor costs for development, including annualized start up expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of the product that collects the information.

The government computes cost using a multi-step process. First, the government creates a weighted factor for the level of effort to create each information collection product based on variables such as complexity, number of pages, type of product and frequency of revision. Second, the total costs associated with developing the product such as labor cost, and operating expenses associated with the downstream impact such as support functions, are added together to obtain the aggregated total cost. Then, the aggregated total cost and factor are multiplied together to obtain the aggregated cost per product. Lastly, the aggregated cost per product is added to the cost of shipping and printing each product to IRS offices, National Distribution Center, libraries and other outlets. The result is the Government cost estimate per product.

The government cost estimate for this collection is summarized in the table below.

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| **Product** | **Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied)** |  | **Printing and Distribution** |  | **Government Cost Estimate per Product** |
| Form 8892 | 19,024 |  |  |  | 19,024 |
| Table costs are based on 2021 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications | | | | | |
| \* New product costs will be included in the next collection update. | | | | | |

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

Change in burden previously approved by OMB, resulted from an adjustment to estimates made by the Department in the decreased number of responses based on its most recent data on Form 8992 Filings, Responses from 10,000 to 21. As the total annual burden hours decreased from 7200 hrs. to 16 hrs.

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| ICR Summary of Burden: |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Requested** | **Program Change Due to New Statute** | **Program Change Due to Agency Discretion** | **Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate** | **Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA** | **Previously Approved** |
| Annual Number of Responses | 21 | 0 | 0 | -9,979 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Annual Time Burden (Hr.) | 16 | 0 | 0 | -7,184 | 0 | 7,200 |
| Annual Cost Burden ($) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Also, we are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the form sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

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 as long as 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.