

SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
Reducing Tax Burden on America's Taxpayers  
Form 13285-A  
OMB # 1545-2009

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The IRS Office of Taxpayer Burden Reduction (OTpBR) needs the taxpaying public's help to identify meaningful taxpayer burden reduction opportunities that impact large numbers of taxpayers. Form 13285-A is used to refer ideas for reducing taxpayer burden to the OTpBR for consideration and implementation.

2. USE OF DATA

Form 13285-A provides taxpayers another way to comment on the burden associated with IRS documents. It also provides the IRS with another method to solicit comments from the general public on issues relating to taxpayer burden and the PRA.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

The agency has no plans at this time to offer electronic filing because of the low filing volume.

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 OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

The collection of information requirement will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

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

If the IRS did not collect this information, the IRS would not be able to receive comments from the general public on issues relating to taxpayer burden at education and outreach events.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 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 (87 FR 23048), dated April 18, 2022, the IRS received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 13285-A.

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

No payment or gift has been provided to any 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

There is no sensitive personally identifiable information (PII) in this collection.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

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Form 13285-A provides taxpayers another way to comment on the burden associated with IRS documents. It also provides the IRS with another method to solicit comments from the general public on issues relating to taxpayer burden and the PRA. It is anticipated that approximately 250 members of the public will use Form 13285-A with a response time of approximately 15 minutes for a total of 62 hours.

	Description	# of Respondents	# Responses per Respondent	Annual Responses	Time per Response	Total Burden
	Form 13285-A	250	1	250	15 min.	62 hrs.
Totals		250		250		62 hours

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

After consultation with various functions within the IRS, the agency has determined that the cost of developing, printing, processing, distribution and overhead for the form is \$5,000.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

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 notice sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the agency 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 for this collection.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all 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.