

**Burden for Accrediting Agencies that respond to the information collection #1840-0788 per requirements: 34 CFR §602**

The Department of Education (the Department) amends its regulations governing accrediting agencies, involving certain student assistance general provisions and institutional eligibility, and to make various technical corrections. These final regulations are a result of negotiated rulemaking in early 2019 and will add new requirements to the current regulations. Data collection and burden for this collection are related to requirements from 34 CFR §602: The Secretary's Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. The Department is requesting an increase in burden of 6,562 hours from 53 respondents.

**6,562 hours/53 accrediting agencies**

**Paperwork Burden Statement**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this collection is 1840-0788. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 199 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is voluntary. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, please contact George A. Smith, U.S. Department of Education, [George.Smith@ed.gov](mailto:George.Smith@ed.gov).