

State's apportionment of funds under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1) shall be reduced in an amount up to 8 percent of the amount to be apportioned during any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1984, if vehicles subject to the Federal heavy vehicle use tax are lawfully registered in the State without having presented proof of payment of the tax. The annual certification by the State Governor or designated official regarding the collection of the heavy vehicle use tax serves as the FHWA's primary means of determining State compliance. The FHWA has determined that an annual certification of compliance by each State is the least obtrusive means of administering the provisions of the legislative mandate. In addition, States are required to retain for 1 year a Schedule 1, IRS Form 2290, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Return (or other suitable alternative provided by regulation). The FHWA conducts compliance reviews at least once every 3 years to determine if the annual certification is adequate to ensure effective administration of 23 U.S.C. 141(c).

Respondents: 50 State Transportation Departments, and the District of Columbia for a total of 51 respondents.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The average burden to submit the certification and to retain required records is 12 hours per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Total estimated average annual burden is 918 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0798]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by October 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments," then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-0798."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA Information: Maribel Aponte, 202-462-8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (VA Form 10-3542 and BTSSS).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0798.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 111 and 38 CFR part 70, subpart A, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Beneficiary Travel (BT) Program provides payments for authorized travel expenses to help Veterans and other beneficiaries obtain care or services from VHA or VA-authorized providers in the community. VHA must administer payments according to statutory mandates, including the Payment Integrity Information Act of

2019 (PIIA) (Pub. L. 116-117). In compliance with the PIIA and other program requirements, VHA must gather certain information to determine whether BT eligibility and other criteria for approval have been met, and the amount of payment or reimbursement that is authorized under the BT program. To improve the claimant experience, VHA made some revisions to the Instructions section of VA Form 10-3542 to clarify required information for claims, such as proof of attendance at appointments when applicable, as well as online submission options.

Claimants may include Veterans and other BT beneficiaries, as well as entities or individuals who provided or paid for travel. Claimants may apply for BT reimbursement orally or in writing through VA Form 10-3542 or the Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS). Based upon program data since the last PRA clearance, VHA has adjusted the estimated annual number of respondents and responses and increased the average time per claim submission. These changes have resulted in an increase in the estimated annual burden hours. This standard collection of information is necessary to enable VHA to provide this benefit and appropriately ensure that funds are being paid to the correct claimant.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 15928, March 5, 2024.

Total Annual Burden: 1,216,667 hours.

Total Annual Responses: 7,300,000.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,216,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Average of 5 times per year.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,460,000.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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