

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615-0122]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: USCIS Online Account Access**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until October 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0122 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2011-0015. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2011-0015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions

or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <https://www.regulations.gov> and entering USCIS-2011-0015 in the search box. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* USCIS Online Account Access.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form Number; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* **Primary:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit. In order to create a new USCIS Online Account, members of the public (*i.e.* users) must submit a valid email address; create a password; select their

preferred method for interacting with a two-step verification process (authentication app, text message, or email); and provide responses to five password reset questions of their choice. Any given email address may be associated with only one USCIS Online Account; users may not establish multiple accounts using the same email address. A user is required to complete a two-step verification process upon creation of a new account and during each subsequent log-in. USCIS makes use of the information received during the account creation process to set up the user's profile. Once the account is established/the user has logged in, the user can edit/add certain profile information or select a USCIS online system with which to interact.

The myUSCIS system's registrant account is being enhanced to allow companies to set up company administrator accounts with company and personal profiles and to file Form I-129 petitions in addition to H-1B Registrations. The company account will have functionality that allows a company administrator to invite company members to join a company group and collaborate on H-1B Registrations and Form I-129 petitions. Company members will complete a personal profile. The burden to respondents for creating company and personal profiles, and for creating and accepting/declining invitations to join a company group, is being captured under OMB Control Number 1615-0122.

USCIS systems currently accessible by logging in through the USCIS Online Account Access process are: myUSCIS, the Freedom of Information Act electronic request system (FIRST), and myE-Verify. These systems serve specific, unique purposes and may require the user to provide information beyond what is required to create an account/log in through the USCIS Online Account Access process. Each system may be considered a collection of information in its own right and be covered by its own OMB Control Number. USCIS may add additional online systems for public use in the future.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection USCIS Online Account Access process for Individuals or Households is 4,240,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.167 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection USCIS Online Account Access process for Businesses or other

for-profit is 1,060,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.167 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection for Company Account Profiles is 150,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.167 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection for Company Account Invitations is 150,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 0.167 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 935,200 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$0.

Dated: August 8, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6381-N-02]

### Improving Access to Public Benefit Programs; Request for Comment; Extension of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Request for comments; extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 13, 2023, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published in the **Federal Register** a document titled “Improving Access to Public Benefit Programs; Request for Comment.” The request for comment seeks comments from the public regarding the burden faced when applying for or maintaining eligibility for HUD’s housing programs. HUD recognizes that these administrative hurdles and paperwork burdens disproportionately fall on the most vulnerable populations and prevent individuals and entities from accessing benefits for which they are legally eligible. The request for comment provided for a 30-day comment period, which would have ended on August 14, 2023. HUD has determined that a 30-day extension of the comment period, until

September 13, 2023, is appropriate to allow interested persons additional time to provide responses. Public comment submitted in response to the request for comment will assist HUD in better understanding, identifying, and reducing HUD’s public program administrative burden and ultimately further its mission to pursue transformative housing and community-building policies and programs.

**DATES:** The comment period for the request for comment published on July 13, 2023, at 88 FR 44813, is extended to September 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments responsive to the request for comment. There are three methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. Electronic Submission of Comments. Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make comments immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that website to submit comments electronically.

2. Submission of Comments by Mail. Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

3. Submission of Comments by Electronic Mail. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development at [improvingaccesstopublicbenefitprograms@hud.gov](mailto:improvingaccesstopublicbenefitprograms@hud.gov).

**Note:** To receive consideration as a public comment, comments must be submitted through one of the three methods specified above.

**Public Inspection of Public Comments.** Copies of all comments submitted will be available for inspection and downloading at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). HUD will also make all properly submitted comments and communications available for

public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, you must schedule an appointment in advance to review the public comments by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Richardson, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone 202-402-5706 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Applying for and maintaining eligibility for public benefits and services, including housing programs, often requires completing and submitting a variety of forms. HUD and its housing partners that administer its programs use the information collected by these forms to determine whether applicants are eligible or if current recipients continue to be eligible. These forms and other methods of information collections may create burdens that disproportionately fall on the most vulnerable populations and prevent individuals and entities from accessing services for which they are legally eligible. These burdens include the expenditure of time, effort, or financial resources to generate, maintain, or provide information to HUD or its housing partners.

HUD’s overarching goal is to pursue transformative housing and community-building policy and programs. To accomplish this goal and continue its efforts to reduce administrative burden, improve the customer experience for individuals seeking and receiving HUD services, and actively solicit input of program beneficiaries, on July 13, 2023, HUD published in the **Federal Register**