

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Agency Information Collection Activity: Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet VA Form 26-8923.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0386
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-8923 is used to determine Veterans eligible for an exception to pay a funding fee in connection with a VA-guaranteed loan. Lenders are required to complete the form on all interest rate reduction

refinancing loans and submit the form to the Veteran no later than the third business day after receiving the Veteran's application.

Affected Public: Individuals and Lenders.

Estimated Annual Burden: 86,647 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One Time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 173,293.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0262]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Designation of Certifying Official(s)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 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 within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link 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. 2900-0262."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Designation of Certifying Official(s), VA Form 22-8794.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0262
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The law requires educational institutions and job training establishments to designate an official that will be responsible for certifying approved training for Veterans and other eligible persons. Each educational institution must have a VA certifying official on staff. The certifying official must submit to VA each student's enrollment information and any changes to such enrollment information. The "Designation of Certifying Official(s)" (VA Form 22-8794) provides VA with the names and signatures of those persons authorized to certify and submit to VA any new hours or changes in the enrollment of their VA students. The VA uses VA Form 22-8794 to maintain a record of the VA Certifying Official(s) responsible for certifying approved training for Veterans and other eligible beneficiaries.

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 41494, May 13, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,029 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once on occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,177.

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

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0399]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Student Beneficiary Report—REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.