

(c) A VA employee in his or her individual capacity where DoJ has agreed to represent the employee; or

(d) The United States, where VA determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components

is a party to such proceedings or has an interest in such proceedings, and VA determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary to the proceedings.

6. Contractors

To contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, students, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for VA, when reasonably necessary to accomplish an agency function related to the records.

7. EEOC

To the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in connection with investigations of alleged or possible discriminatory practices, examination of Federal affirmative employment programs, or other functions of the Commission as authorized by law.

8. FLRA

To the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) in connection with the investigation and resolution of allegations of unfair labor practices, the resolution of exceptions to arbitration awards when a question of material fact is raised, matters before the Federal Service Impasses Panel, and the investigation of representation petitions and the conduct or supervision of representation elections.

9. MSPB

To the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) in connection with appeals, special studies of the civil service and other merit systems, review of rules and regulations, investigation of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices, and such other functions promulgated in 5 U.S.C. 1205 and 1206, or as authorized by law.

10. NARA

To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in records management inspections conducted under 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906 or other functions authorized by laws and policies governing NARA operations and VA records management responsibilities.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are maintained in/records are stored in the Child Care Records Management System (CCRMS) in an electronic format.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by use of individual names and may also be cross-referenced to social security numbers or other personal identifying numbers.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records in this system are retained and disposed of in accordance with the schedule approved by the Archivist of the United States, Records Control Schedule VHA RCS 3075.12.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

When the system is not in use by an authorized person with a valid Personal Identification Verification (PIV/Smart Card), the system will not allow access. Electronic records are secured and require the employee's Personal Identification Verification (PIV/Smart Card) to access, and the system will self-lock within 5–7 minutes of no-activity within the system.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking information on the existence and content of records in this system pertaining to them should contact the system manager in writing as indicated above. A request for access to records must contain the requester's full name, address, telephone number, signed by the requester, and a description of the records sought in sufficient detail to enable VA personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to contest or amend records in this system pertaining to them should contact the system manager in writing as indicated above. A request to contest or amend records must state clearly and concisely what record is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the record.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Generalized notice is provided by the publication of this notice. For specific notice, see Record Access Procedure, above.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0740]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Request for Substitution of Claimant Upon Death of Claimant

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, 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. 2900–0740.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Substitution of Claimant Upon Death of Claimant.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0740
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P–0847, will be used to allow claimants to request a substitution for a claimant who passed away prior to VA processing a claim to completion. This is only allowed when a claimant dies while a claim or appeal for any benefit under a law administered by the VA is pending. The substitute claimant would be eligible to receive accrued benefits due to a deceased claimant under Section 5121(a). The substitute claim must be filed no later than one year after the

claimant's death date. By law, VA must have a claimant's or beneficiary's written permission (an "authorization") to be a substitute claimant. The claimant or beneficiary may revoke the authorization at any time, except if VA has already acted based on the permission.

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 65721, August 12, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of a modified matching program.

SUMMARY: This is an 18-month re-establishment computer matching agreement (CMA) with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), regarding Veterans who are in drilling status and also in receipt of compensation or pension benefits. The purpose of this CMA is to re-establish the agreement between VA, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and the DoD, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). DoD will disclose information about individuals who are in drill pay status. VBA will use this information as a match for recipients of Compensation and Pension benefits for adjustments of awards.

DATES: Comments on this matching program must be received no later than November 18, 2024. If no public comment is received during the period

allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new agreement will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary. This matching program will be valid for 18 months from the effective date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005R1A), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "CMA 89 Drill Pay". Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delonda Garmon (VBA), Program Analyst, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1800 G Street NW, Washington, DC 2006, 202-461-9700, Delonda.Garmon2@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This agreement continues an arrangement for a periodic computer-matching program between the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) as the matching recipient agency and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) as the matching source agency. This agreement sets forth the responsibilities of VBA and DoD with respect to information disclosed pursuant to this agreement and takes into account both agencies' responsibilities under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including computer matching portions of a revision of OMB Circular No. A-130, 65 FR 77677 dated December 12, 2000.

Participating Agencies: The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) as the matching recipient agency and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) as the matching source agency.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: The legal authority for conducting the matching program for use in the administration of VA's Compensation and Pension Benefits Programs is contained in 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition Against Duplication of Benefits, which precludes pension, compensation, or retirement pay on account of any person's own service, for

any period for which he receives active duty pay. The law (10 U.S.C. 12316) prohibits the receipt of reserve pay and DVA compensation for the same time period, however, it does permit waiver of DVA compensation to draw reserve pay."

Purpose(s): The purpose of this matching program between VBA and DoD is to identify those Veterans and VA beneficiaries who are in receipt of certain VA benefit payments and are in drilling status. VBA has the obligation to reduce or suspend compensation and pension benefit payments to veterans who are in drilling status. VBA will use the DoD records provided in the match to update the master records of veterans and VA beneficiaries receiving benefits and to adjust their VA benefits, accordingly, if needed.

Categories of Individuals:

1. Veterans who have applied for compensation for service-connected disability under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
2. Veterans who have applied for nonservice-connected disability under 38 U.S.C. chapter 15.
3. Veterans entitled to burial benefits under 38 U.S.C. chapter 23.
4. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed pensions based on nonservice-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 15.
5. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed death compensation based on service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
6. Surviving spouses and children who have claimed dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 13.
7. Parents who have applied for death compensation based on service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 11.
8. Parents who have applied for dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death of a veteran under 38 U.S.C. chapter 13.
9. Individuals who applied for educational assistance benefits administered by VA under title 38 of the U.S. Code.
10. Individuals who applied for educational assistance benefits maintained by the Department of Defense under title 10 of the U.S. Code that are administered by VA.
11. Veterans who apply for training and employers who apply for approval of their programs under the provisions of the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act of 1983, Public Law 98-77.
12. Any VA employee who generates or finalizes adjudicative actions using the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) or