

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT NOTICES

Collection and Use of Information from Your Appeal Form

Under section 7(b) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is authorized to ask you for the information on this form. You are not required to provide us with this information, however, if you do not do so, we cannot process your appeal.

Although the information we request is almost never used for any purpose other than the processing of your appeal, the RRB does have the authority to release some or all of the following information to the indicated individuals, organizations, and/or agencies without your approval:

- 1) Information may be released to an attorney, the Office of the President, a Congressional office, a labor union, or to the Department of State's embassy or consular offices if they allege to be representing you at your request.
- 2) Information may be released to other people who are receiving benefits based on the same railroad retirement account as you are, if the information affects their payments from the RRB.
- 3) Information may be released to a person who will receive benefits on your behalf, if the RRB decides that some medical condition keeps you from receiving your own benefits.
- 4) Information (including medical records) may be released to people or organizations who are working for the RRB.
- 5) Information may be released to your last employer to make sure that you are eligible to receive benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.
- 6) Information may be released in certain cases for law enforcement purposes and for court proceedings.

A complete list of the persons, organizations or agencies to which the information you gave us may be released is published in the Federal Register. The current list is available in any office of the RRB, if you wish to see it.

We estimate this form takes an average of 20 minutes per response, including the time needed for reviewing the instructions, getting the needed data, and reviewing the completed form. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and respondents are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. If you wish, send comments regarding the accuracy of our estimate or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing the completion time, to: Associate Chief Information Officer for Policy and Compliance, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-1275.