

Application for Registration under Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 (DEA Form 510)

Renewal Application for Registration under Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 (DEA Form 510A)

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR
Application for Registration under Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of
1993 (DEA Form 510)
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Act of 1993 (DEA Form 510A)

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seeks approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an existing collection of information that was previously approved by OMB – OMB Control No.1117-0031, Application for Registration under Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 (DEA Form 510) and Renewal Application for Registration under Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 (DEA Form 510A).

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. DEA implements the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which requires that every person who manufactures or distributes a list I chemical shall annually obtain a registration for that purpose. 21 U.S.C. 822 and 823. Additionally, the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (CSIEA) requires that persons who import or export list I chemicals must obtain a registration prior to conducting such activities. 21 U.S.C. 957 and 958.

2. DEA Form 510 is utilized by applicants desiring to manufacture, distribute, import, and export list I chemicals. DEA Form 510A is utilized for renewal of the registration on an annual basis. This information is also used by DEA investigators in evaluating the applicant to determine if the requirements for registration have been met. Failure to collect such information would prevent evaluation of the applicant prior to registration and would impair DEA's enforcement of the CSA and CSIEA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 822, 823 957, and 958, and in accordance with 21 CFR 1309.21 and 1309.32.

3. Currently, DEA permits online registration and renewal of registration through the secure network application on the DEA Diversion Control Division web site (<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>). Applicants may complete and submit DEA Forms 510 and 510A online, along with credit card payment. This final rule would require 100% online submissions.

4. DEA has made efforts to identify and prevent duplication of the collection of information. The existing DEA Forms 510 and 510A are not duplicative of any other DEA forms. The collection of this information is unique to the DEA.

5. DEA does not anticipate any additional impact on small businesses or other small entities since the last approval of this form. The collection will not have a significant

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economic impact on small businesses or other small entities within the meaning and intent of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612.

6. DEA Form 510 is utilized on an “as needed” basis by applicants desiring to manufacture, distribute, import, or export list I chemicals. DEA Form 510a is utilized for the renewal of registration on a yearly basis. Failure to collect the information would impair DEA’s enforcement activities and violate 21 U.S.C. 822, 823, 957, and 958 of the CSA and CSIEA. 21 U.S.C. 822(a) requires persons who manufacture or distribute, or propose to manufacture or distribute, any list I chemical to register annually. 21 U.S.C. 958(e) requires persons who import or export, or propose to import or export, any list I chemical to register annually. DEA registrants and applicants participating in this information collection maintain the requested data as part of usual and customary business practice.

7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.

8. The 60-Day Notice was published in the Federal Register July 7, 2025, at 90 FR 29886. The comment period ended September 5, 2025. No comments were received. The 30-Day Notice was recently published in the Federal Register on September 10, 2025, at 90 FR 43631.

DEA meets regularly with the affected industry to discuss policies, programs, and regulations. These meetings provide an open forum to discuss matters of mutual concern with representatives of those entities from whom the information is obtained.

9. This collection of information does not propose to provide any payment or gift to respondents.

10. Information requested in this collection may be considered confidential business information if marked as such in accordance with 28 CFR 16.8(c) and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Submitters who are required to furnish commercial or financial information to the government are protected from the competitive disadvantages that could result from disclosure of such information. The information is protected by DEA through secure storage, limited access, and federal regulatory and DEA procedures. In the event a FOIA request is made to obtain information that has been designated as confidential business information per 28 CFR 16.8(c) and Exemption 4 of FOIA, DEA will give written notice to the submitter to allow an opportunity to object within a reasonable time prior to any disclosure by DEA.

11. This collection of information does not ask any questions of a sensitive nature.

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12. DEA Form 510 is submitted on an as-needed basis by persons seeking to become registered. DEA Form 510a is submitted on an annual basis thereafter to renew existing registrations.

Estimated Annualized Respondent Cost and Hour Burden

Activity	Number of Respondents	Frequency	Total Annual Responses	Time Per Response (Hours)	Total Annual Burden (Hours)	Hourly Rate*	Monetized Value of Respondent Time
DEA 510	161	1	161	0.33 (20 minutes)	53	\$70.39	\$ 3,731
DEA 510a	603	1	603	0.17 (10 minutes)	103	\$70.39	\$ 7,250
Unduplicated Total	764	1	764	0.204	156	\$70.39	\$ 10,981

Hourly
Rate*

	\$49.50 ¹
Estimated hourly wage (\$/hour):	
Load for benefits (percent of labor rate):	42.2% ²
Loaded labor rate (\$/hour):	\$70.39

Total registration applications received on paper: 0

Total registration applications received online: 764

Percentage of applications received electronically: 100%

Thus, the labor cost of this information collection is \$10,981 annually.

13. The estimated annual cost burden is zero. Respondents are not estimated to incur any a) additional start-up cost or capital expenditure, or b) additional operation and maintenance costs or purchase services as a result of this information collection.

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to Federal Government:

1 Median hourly wages for 11-1021 General and Operations Manager is used to represent the occupation of persons completing the DEA Form 510 and 510A. May 2024 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates United States. http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm.

2 Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employer Costs for Employee Compensation – March 2025" (ECEC) reports that average benefits for private industry is 29.7% of total compensation. The 29.7% of total compensation equates to 42.2% (29.7% / 70.3%) load on wages and salaries.

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Estimated Annual Labor Cost to Government: \$4,916

Labor Category	Number	Annual rate	Load	% of time	Cost
<i>Registration Program Specialists -- GS-963-11 (Field)</i>	81 ³	\$ 95,878 ⁴	\$ 1.623 ⁵	0.04% ⁶	\$ 4,916
Total					\$ 4,916

All costs are recovered from registrants through registration fees, as required by the CSA. 21 U.S.C. 886a.

15. The decrease in annual respondents is due to the fluctuating nature of the registrant population. The change in annual burden hours is due to the decrease in annual respondents. The change in annual cost is due to a change in method. Previously, the approved 2022 figure represented the “Monetized Value of Respondent Time” calculated in section 12. The new requested annual cost represents the figure from section 13. There have been no statutory or regulatory changes affecting this information collection. The table below summarizes the changes since the last renewal of this information collection.

	2022 Approved Burden	2025 New Requested Burden	Difference
Annual respondents	1,001	764	(237)
Annual burden hours	183	156	(27)
Annual cost (\$)	12,681	0	(12,681)

16. Plans for Publication:

3 Based on number of onboard positions, June 24, 2025.

4 Costs are based on the Office of Personnel Management’s 2025 general schedule locality pay tables for the Washington-Baltimore-Arlington area (<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2025/DCB.pdf>) for the grade listed, step 5.

5 Government salary figures include 62.3% (38.4% / 61.6%) load for benefits based on the ECEC for “State and local government.” The ECEC does not include figures for the Federal Government.

6 Based on percent 510 and 510A forms of all registration application forms.

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DEA will not publish the results of the information collected.

17. Expiration Date Approval:

DEA does not object to OMB displaying the expiration date.

18. Exceptions to the Certification Statement:

DEA is not seeking an exception to the certification statement “Certification for
Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions” for this collection of information.

Part B. Statistical Methods

DEA does not employ statistical methods in this information collection.