

**Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of
Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 1545-1432)**

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Generic Notices Survey

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this collection is to measure tax professional satisfaction with IRS notices and/or letters. Information collected will be used to provide meaningful feedback to aid in prioritizing language enhancements. The surveys will assist in assessing overall readability and effectiveness of finding appropriate information quickly in the notice or letter the tax professional community is assisting a taxpayer in understanding that the taxpayer has received from the IRS.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Survey respondents will be tax professionals who are assisting taxpayers understand a notice or letter they have received from the IRS.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

☐ Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form
☐ Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software)
☐ Focus Group

☒ Customer Satisfaction Survey
☐ Small Discussion Group
☐ Other: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent Individuals	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Soliciting Potential Participants	120	30 seconds	1 hour
Expected Participants	50	5 min	4.17 hours
Totals			5.17 hours

Estimated Response Rate: 42%

Total Burden Estimate = 5.17 hours

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$420 (recruitment 1 hour, feedback analysis 5 hours)

STATISTICAL METHOD:

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

Tax professionals who are attending the Low Income Tax Clinic conference on December 9th will be asked if they have feedback related to IRS notices. If yes, they will be provided a QR code to take the survey.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 - ☒ Web-based or other forms of Social Media
 - ☐ Telephone
 - ☐ In-person
 - ☐ Mail
 - ☐ Other, Explain – Microsoft TEAMS or ZOOM for sharing visuals.
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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