

Department of Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Information Collection Request (ICR)
OMB 1140-0006
Application and Permit to Import Firearms, Ammunition, and Defense Articles
(ATF 5330.3B (“Form 6, part II”))

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the information collection necessary.

18 U.S.C. § 925(a)(4) permits the Attorney General to authorize, under certain conditions, a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty outside the U.S. (or who has been on active duty outside the United States within the sixty-day period immediately preceding the importation) to import firearms and ammunition into the U.S. The implementing regulations at 27 CFR 478.114 prescribe the forms and procedures necessary to accomplish the import permit requirements.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information will be used.

ATF uses this information collection to verify the applicant’s status as a member of the Armed Forces and to determine whether the article(s) listed on the application are allowed to be imported. The approved application then serves as a permit for the applicant to import the article(s) described on the form.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the information collection involves using automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection.

Respondents can complete the ATF Form 5330.3B (“Form 6, part II”) entirely electronically and submit it by email for processing.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

This information is not duplicative. Only members of the U.S. Armed Forces use this form to request permission to permanently import firearms, ammunition, and/or defense articles, and the information on each request – including the person’s identification information – but be verified on a case-by-case basis per request. Therefore, previously submitted information cannot be used for any subsequent requests. The information is used for law enforcement purposes. ATF uses a uniform subject classification system for forms to identify duplication and to ensure that any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose of this information collection.

5. If the information collection impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

This information collection does not have a significant impact on small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to federal programs or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

Less frequently collecting the information on Form 6, part II would substantially increase the potential for firearms, ammunition, or defense articles to be illegally introduced into domestic commerce. This would pose a threat to the public safety by exacerbating crime and violence, while undermining U.S. law enforcement, foreign policy, and revenue interests.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause the information collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

There are no special circumstances associated with this information collection, which is conducted in a manner consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. If applicable, provide a copy, and identify the date and page number, of the agency's notice published in the *Federal Register*, as required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB.

The 60-Day Notice was published in the *Federal Register* on August 05, 2025 (90 FR 37568). The comment period ended on October 6, 2025. ATF received no comments.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift is associated with this information collection.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

ATF has not assured respondents of confidentiality. However, the information being collected includes PII and is thus protected by the Privacy Act. The information is maintained by ATF in a system of records, Justice/ATF-008, Regulatory Enforcement Record System. The form that accompanies this ICR includes a Privacy Act statement that covers this information and informs respondents of the system of records, routine uses, etc.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

This information collection does not ask questions or require information of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide estimates of the information collection's hour burden.

Based on recent ATF data on the number of responses we've received each of the past three years, the annual average number of respondents is 312, as presented in the table below:

Table 1. Three-year average respondents

2022	338
2023	273
2024	324
Average	312

Because each respondent submits the request one time, the number of respondents is equal to the number of responses. ATF estimates that it takes 30 minutes to complete the form. Therefore, the total time burden for this information collection is 156 hours.

The Department estimates that the opportunity costs of completing the required paperwork. The Department calculated the monetized value of that time using a standard wage formula. For the applicant's rate calculation, ATF relied on a methodology developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for calculating the hourly leisure wage. Because HHS's methodology relies on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data that is updated on a monthly basis, we did not need to use an inflation-adjusted wage rate. Accordingly, consistent with HHS's methodology, we used the BLS median weekly income for full-time employees as the base for calculating the hourly wage. Based this methodology, ATF attributes a rounded value of \$23 per hour for time spent by respondents completing the application form.

The Department then multiplied each of the 156 hourly burdens by the \$23 hourly wage rate to account for the value of time spent completing Form 6.

Table 2. 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
Complete and submit Form 6 – Part II	312	1	312	0.5	156	\$23	\$3,588

The total monetized value of the time burden associated with this collection is \$3,588 (156 total hours * \$23 per hour). Over the three-year renewal period for this ICR, the time burden (due to annual collections and notices) would be 468 hours, based on an annual time burden of 156 hours.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the information collection. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).

There are no additional costs associated with this information collection.

14. Provide estimates of the annualized cost to the federal government.

There are no additional costs to the federal government.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

There are no program changes or adjustments associated with this information collection. However, the number of respondents has decreased since the last renewal, from 400 down to 312 per year, a decrease of 88. This has also resulted in a decrease in the total hourly burden from 200 to 156 total annual hours.

16. For information collections whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulations and publication.

ATF will not publish the results of the collection.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

ATF intends to display the OMB expiration date for this information collection.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

This information collection does not include any exceptions to the certification statement.

B. INFORMATION COLLECTIONS EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS.

This collection does not employ statistical methods.