

evidence expired between November 15, 2024, and March 10, 2025, receipt of such information or evidence will be considered as timely if it is postmarked by March 10, 2025. In the event there is no mail postmark or date stamp by the USPS, VBA will consider any such solicited evidence or information as received no later than March 10, 2025, or the latest date on which a timely response to VBA's request for information could be received. For any decision notification letter sent during the impacted period of November 11, 2024, to March 10, 2025, VA will consider March 10, 2025, as the date of the decision notice for a subsequently submitted decision review option.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on March 11, 2026, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for High-Technology Veterans Education, Training and Skills (VET TEC 2.0) Program

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

(VBA), 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 by April 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: 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-XXXX."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202-461-1084, VAPRA@va.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC 2.0) High Technology Program, VA Form 22-10297.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Abstract: On January 2, 2025, the Elizabeth Dole Field and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act (Pub. L. 118-210) was signed into law. The legislation can be identified as the DOLE Act. This legislation established a new Veteran Technology program titled "High-Technology Veterans Education, Training and Skills (VET TEC 2.0) Program". VET TEC 2.0 allows Veterans to enroll in courses outside the traditional definition of higher education to obtain skillsets highly desired by employers. The DOLE Act authorizes VA to provide educational

assistance for these high technology programs of education that begin prior to September 30, 2027. The eligibility requirements to qualify for the program apply to an individual who is a Veteran under age 62 who has served at least 3 years (36 months) on Active Duty; or a Service member who is within 180 days of discharge who has or will serve 3 years (36 months) by their discharge date; and who has received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. The DOLE Act requires VA to develop mechanisms for Veteran application for VET TEC 2.0, to include selection of a specific training provider and program and a Participation Agreement for Training Providers who wish to seek approval for their programs under VET TEC 2.0. It also requires VA to develop enrollment processing mechanisms and the ability to track the number of enrollees in real time due to annual participation limits. Lastly, VA must submit a report to Congress no later than January 2, 2026, and each year thereafter on the operation of the program.

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 90 FR 58373, December 16, 2025.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,412 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,412.

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

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Alternate, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Information Technology, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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