

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT
OMB (2900-0041)
VA FORM 26-1839**

Summary of Changes from the Previously Approved Collection

- For the Compliance Inspection Report information collections there have been no changes in the information collection form, respondent count, or burden data.
- 1 comment received during the 60-day notice comment period.

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection of information.

38 U.S.C., chapter 21 provides the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) authority to assist certain disabled Veterans in acquiring specially adapted housing. Section 2101(c) explains that benefits afforded under this chapter shall be provided in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Pursuant to this authority, 38 C.F.R. § 36.4408 provides that the Secretary may, at any time, require submission of such proof of costs and other matters as the Secretary deems necessary.

Additionally, 38 U.S.C., Chapter 37 authorizes VA to make direct loans to Veterans to construct or improve dwellings on trust lands. This direct loan program is referred to as VA's Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program. Section 3762(g) grants the Secretary authority to make such rules, regulations, and orders as the Secretary considers necessary for carrying out the Secretary's functions under section 3762, including determining any necessary expenses and expenditures and the way such expenses and expenditures shall be incurred, allowed, and paid.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purposes the information is to be used; indicate actual use the agency has made of the information received from current collection.

The system of compliance inspections provides a level of protection to specially adapted housing and Native American Veterans by assuring them and VA that the dwelling, improvement, or adaptation is constructed in substantial conformity with the plans and specifications upon which a specially adapted housing grant or Native American direct loan is based.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of 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. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

Considering the small volume of cases, we do not believe that automation would be cost effective for VA or the fee-basis inspectors who complete the form. VA Form 26-1839 requires very specific information collected in the field at the time the inspection is performed. In fact, if VA forced inspectors to automate their use of the form in a manner that is not cost effective for them, that would likely discourage their future participation in the VA Home Loan program. Therefore, we have no plans to automate the use of this form. VA Form 26-1839 is located on the VA Forms website in a fillable, electronic format.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

The information is not contained in any other VA records. Similar information is not available elsewhere.

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

Small organizations are involved; however, the information requested is the minimum necessary to determine compliance with VA-approved plans and specifications and VA minimum property standards.

6. Describe the consequences to Federal program 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.

This information collection is not a recurring or repetitive report. It is accomplished on a per-case basis only per individual applicant. The form may be used up to four times to approve the disbursement of funding over the duration of each individual project.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted more often than quarterly or require respondents to prepare written responses to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it; submit more than an original and two copies of any document; retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years; in connection with a statistical survey that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study and require the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB.

There are no special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines in 5 C.F.R. § 1320.6.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the sponsor's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the sponsor in responses to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

A 60-Day Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the collection published on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The 60-Day FRN citation is 91 FRN 14635.

1 comment received during the 60-day notice comment period.

A 30-Day Federal Register Notice for the collection published on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. The 30-Day FRN citation is 91 FRN 37498.

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

No payments or gifts to respondents have been made under this collection of information.

10. Describe any assurance of privacy, to the extent permitted by law, provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium, and Manufactured Home Loan Applicant Records, Specially Adapted Housing Applicant Records, and Vendee Loan Applicant Records - VA (55VA26) contained in the Privacy Act Issuances, 2023 Compilation.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature (Information that, with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is likely to have a serious adverse effect on an individual's mental or physical health if revealed to him or her), such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private; include specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

No sensitive questions appear on this form.

12. Estimate of the hour burden of the collection of information:

Estimate of Information Collection Burden

- a. Number of respondents: 3,640 per year
- b. Frequency of Response: One-Time.
- c. Annual Burden Hour: 910 hours
- d. Estimated Completion Time: 15 minutes
- e. The respondent population is composed of anyone assuming Veterans' guaranteed, insured, and direct home loans. VBA cannot make further assumptions about the population of respondents because of the variability of factors, such as the educational background and wage potential of respondents.

Therefore, VBA used general wage data to estimate the respondents' costs associated with completing the information collection. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) gathers information on full-time wage and salary workers. Accordingly, the median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers are \$1,341.60. Assuming a forty (40) hour work week, the mean hourly wage is \$33.54 based on the BLS wage code – "00-0000 All Occupations. This information was taken from the following website: <https://data.bls.gov/oes/#/home>, (May 2025).

Legally, respondents may not pay a person or business for assistance in completing the information collection, and a person or business may not accept payment for assisting a respondent in completing the information collection. Therefore, there are no expected overhead costs for completing the information collection. VBA estimates the total cost to all respondents to be \$30,521.40 (910 burden hours x \$33.54 per hour).

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

This submission does not involve any record keeping costs.

14. Provide estimates of annual cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operation expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government
https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2026/RUS_h.pdf

Grade	Step	Burden Time (Minutes)	Fraction of Hour (Minutes/60)	Hourly Rate	Cost Per Response	Total Responses	Total
11	6	15	0.25	\$41.75	\$10.4375	3,640	\$37,992.50
Overhead at 100% Salary							\$37,992.50
12	6	7.5	0.125	\$50.04	\$6.2550	3,640	\$22,768.20
Overhead at 100% Salary							\$22,768.20
13	6	3.75	0.0625	\$59.50	\$3.71875	3,640	\$13,536.25
Overhead at 100% Salary							\$13,536.25
Processing / Analyzing Costs							\$ 74,296.00
Printing and Production Cost							\$0.00
Total Cost to Government							\$74,296.00

15. Explain the reason for any burden hour changes since the last submission.

There have been no changes in the Burden hours since the last submission.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

The information collection is not for tabulation or publication use.

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.

The expiration date placeholder is on the form.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB 83-I.

This submission does not contain any exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

The data collection does not employ statistical methods.