

exemption, whichever occurs sooner.<sup>4</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by April 6, 2026, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 1349 (Sub-No. 1X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Buckingham Branch's representative, Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 N Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606. Replies to the petition are due on or before April 16, 2026.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Decided: March 24, 2026.

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2026-3367]

#### Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Application for Employment With the Federal Aviation Administration; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA published a document in the **Federal Register** of March 23, 2026, concerning "Collection

Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Application for Employment with the Federal Aviation Administration". This document did not contain a docket number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erik Chuba, 814-244-7461.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 23, 2026, in FR Doc. 2026-05656, on page 13927, column 3, the third line of the document heading, correct the docket number "[Docket No. XXXX-XXXX]" to read "[Docket No. FAA-2026-3367]".

Dated: March 23, 2026.

**Erik L. Chuba,**

*PMP, IT Project Manager/AVIATOR System Owner and PM, FAA Office of Information and Technology (AIT), Mission Partnership Service (APS), APS-120, Partnerships and Project Management, Branch B.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-1222]

#### Agency Information Collection

**Activities: DOT Technical Assistance PRA**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Office of the Secretary (OST) to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew a currently approved information collection titled "DOT Technical Assistance PRA", with OMB control number 2105-0584.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments within 60 days of publication of this notice to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All comments should include the Docket number DOT-OST-2022-0120.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please email [victor.austin@dot.gov](mailto:victor.austin@dot.gov) or contact Victor Austin at (771) 216-1242.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* DOT Technical Assistance PRA.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0584.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of information collection.

*Background:* The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, Public Law 117-58) created several programs at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) that allow local governments, non-profit organizations, tribal governments, and other political subdivisions of state or local governments to apply directly for DOT discretionary grant funding.

For the Asset Concession and Innovative Finance Assistance Program (also known as the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Program), project sponsors will make an application in response to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Successful applicants will receive reimbursable grants to hire staff or procure technical assistance to develop projects. Preparation of each NOFO response is estimated to require 30 hours of staff time. Successful applicants must also prepare progress reports as a condition of funding. Progress reporting is estimated to require four hours per year. Each grant has a three-year period of performance.

For the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program, project sponsors will make an application in response to a NOFO. The application process is streamlined for this program and is estimated to require 19 hours to complete. Successful applicants must also prepare progress reports as a condition of funding. Progress reporting is estimated to require four hours per year. Each grant has a three-year or two-year period of performance.

#### Asset Concession and Innovative Finance Grant Program

*Estimated Number of Respondents to NOFO:* 100.

*Estimated Burden Hours per NOFO Respondent:* 30.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours for NOFO respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Successful Applicants:* 50.

*Estimated Hours for Progress Reporting, per Award per Year:* 4.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours for Progress Reporting:* 200.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$409,600.

#### Rural and Tribal Assistance Grants

*Estimated Number of Respondents to NOFO:* 700.

*Estimated Burden Hours per NOFO Respondent:* 19.

<sup>4</sup> The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours for NOFO Respondents:* 13,300.  
*Estimated Successful Applicants:* 50.  
*Estimated Hours for Progress Reporting, per Award per Year:* 4.  
*Estimated Annual Burden Hours for Progress Reporting:* 200.  
*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$1,728,000.

#### **Total for All Technical Assistance Programs**

*Estimated Total Hours:* 16,700.  
*Estimated Total Cost:* \$2,137,600.  
*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for DOT's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for DOT to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135; and 23 CFR chapter 1, subchapter E, part 450.

#### **Duane Callender,**

*Director, Build America Bureau, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[Docket No. VA-2026-VACO-0001]

### **Notice of Exception to Date of Receipt Rule**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Beginning November 15, 2024, a strike led by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) resulted in a delay of mail delivery from Canada Post. In response, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is establishing a temporary exception to the date of receipt provisions to ensure that veterans or claimants residing within the Canada Post mailing jurisdiction do not have an adverse effect to benefits. VBA recognizes the potential impact in the claim process resulting from the inability to send or receive mail. The strike ran from November 15, 2024, through December 17, 2024. On January 6, 2025, Canada

Post returned to full-service levels, and the United States Postal Service (USPS) resumed acceptance of mail and packages to and from Canada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jadine Piper, Acting Assistant Director, Policy, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, (202) 461-9700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 15, 2024, CUPW initiated a national strike affecting Canada's postal system, causing stoppages and significant delays in the processing and delivery of mail. On November 29, 2024, USPS announced an immediate suspension, temporarily halting mail acceptance to and from Canada, affecting the processing or delivery of mail services to millions of Canadian customers. On January 6, 2025, Canada Post reinstated full-service levels for domestic mail and accelerated processing for international mail. In conjunction, on January 6, 2025, USPS resumed the acceptance of mail and packages to and from Canada.

Although Canada Post has resumed regular mail processing and delivery services, VBA understands the negative impact these disruptions may have caused certain veterans or claimants residing within the Canadian postal jurisdiction during the time of the strike. Potential impact includes preventing the timely filing of VBA claims submissions and claim-related evidence or receiving claim-related or other pertinent VBA benefit information. Therefore, VBA is instituting a temporary exception for determining acceptable dates of receipt for correspondence sent through postal or other mail processing services for veterans or claimants residing within the jurisdiction of Canada.

Ordinarily, "date of receipt" means the date on which a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) office receives a claim, information, or evidence. Under 38 CFR 3.1(r), the Under Secretary for Benefits may establish exceptions to VA's rule on the date of receipt of claims, information, or evidence by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register**. Section 3.1(r) states that an exception may be established when a natural or man-made interference with the normal channels through which VBA ordinarily receives correspondence has resulted in one or more VBA regional offices experiencing extended delays in the receipt of claims, information, or evidence to an extent that, if not addressed, would adversely affect veterans and claimants through no fault of their own.

The CUPW national strike significantly disrupted mail services for millions of Canada Post customers. VBA acknowledges that veterans or claimants residing within a Canadian postal jurisdiction may have experienced unusual hardships in submitting correspondence containing a claim, evidence, or other information throughout the course of the strike. VBA further acknowledges that letters sent in the days before the strike may also have been impacted. Therefore, VA has established exceptions to the standard date of receipt rule for correspondence from veterans or claimants affected by the CUPW strike. VA recognizes a disruption in mail services from November 11, 2024, the first business day of the week in which mail service disruptions commenced, through March 10, 2025, 60 calendar days from the date following full reinstatement of Canadian mail services.

### **Exceptions to Date of Receipt Rule for Claimants Affected by the Canadian Postal Strike**

Under 38 CFR 3.109(b), if there is good cause, VA may provide claimants or beneficiaries an extension of time when submitting information applicable to the processing of a claim or a decision. This applies to veterans, claimants, or beneficiaries residing in a Canadian postal jurisdiction during the strike. The disruption in mail services provides good cause to support the need for extending time limits based on mail delays. VBA grants a time limit extension by establishing this exception.

VBA gives notice that, for purposes of determining entitlement to benefits, any correspondence received by VBA, during the period of November 11, 2024, through March 10, 2025, from a veteran or claimant residing within a Canadian postal jurisdiction that contains an impacted claim, information, or evidence, will be considered received on the postmark date or November 15, 2024, whichever is earlier.

In accordance with 38 CFR 3.110, computation of the extended timeframe for receipt of correspondence or other pertinent evidence excludes the first day of the affected period. This means VBA will make exceptions to the date of receipt rule beginning November 15, 2024, extending through March 10, 2025, the next succeeding workday following the 60-day period after full resumption of Canadian mail services.

If VBA solicited submission of information or evidence from a veteran or claimant residing within a Canadian postal jurisdiction any time on or after November 11, 2024, and the date for submission of such information or