ICR Number 1845-0110 – PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS (PSLF) & TEMPORARY EXPANDED PSLF (TEPSLF) CERTIFICATION & APPLICATION (60D) Comment Response Table

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| 0004 | anonymous | You may already be doing this, but to prevent fraud and abuse in the PSLF program, be sure to scrutinize501(c)3 organizations closely and examine the size of the student's debt and number of degrees they hold (e.g. does it really take over $400,000 in loans and six degrees to do their job?). In short, look for private inurement through PSLF on what are supposed to be non-profit organizations. There are currently students who pile on more than 4 or 5 degrees and take over $200,000 in loans - most of which goes in their pocket for other purposes, then seek a way to dump most of it on taxpayers through PSLF.<br><br>Look at whether the borrower has verified earnings from the organization (is the borrower really working there for compensation or are they doing something else?). Look at the relationship they have with the organization’s principal directors (are they close family or friends?), the organization’s activities and mission (is there any evidence the organization is active?), how long they have been in existence, just to name a few examples. | While outside the scope of this collection, the department thanks the commentor for their suggestions regarding program integrity improvements. | none |
| 0005 | anonymous | I strongly support the Department of Education’s proposed revisions to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and Temporary Expanded PSLF (TEPSLF) Certification and Application information collection.<br><br>The PSLF and TEPSLF paperwork and data collection process is crucial for ensuring that | The department thanks the commentor for agreeing that the burden estimate for this collection is reasonable. | none |

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| | | public servants, such as educators, healthcare workers, first responders, government employees, and non-profit professionals, can effectively verify their qualifying employment and track progress toward loan forgiveness without unnecessary administrative barriers. Prompt approval of this revision is essential to maintain full legal compliance, preserve program functionality, and protect public servants and qualifying employers, all key function of the Department of Education.<br><br>This burden estimate of 30 minutes per response is realistic for the standard tasks involved of filling out the form, the employment history, and submitting the form. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should grant prompt approval for this revision to ensure the PSLF application process remains accurate, lawful, and accessible. | | |