Comment 1; https://www.regulations.gov/comment/VA-2026-VACO-0001-0338

Response 1; The comment was received on August 16, 2026, from Reggie Greenwood (no affiliation).

VBA appreciates the feedback on the proposed VA Form 21-0538.

We agree that verification should be narrowly tailored; VBA leverages existing VA and authorized Federal data sources and will continue to evaluate a risk-based approach, where appropriate, to minimize unnecessary contacts/solicitations to veterans.

VA will continue to clarify form instructions and notices (reportable changes, required documentation, response timelines) and maximize secure electronic submission through VA.gov—while maintaining paper alternatives and prepopulating fields when reliable data are available.

VA will not make changes to this form based on this comment.

Comment 2; https://www.regulations.gov/comment/VA-2026-VACO-0001-0436

Response 2; The comment was received on October 12, 2026, from an anonymous individual.

Correct. This notice regarding VA Form 21-0538 states it is a revision due to the increase in burden only.

No changes were made to the form's questions, fields, structure, or instructions. VA will not make changes to this form based on this comment.