

SUPPORTING STATEMENT - PART A

Custodianship Certification to Support Claims on Behalf of Minor Children of Deceased Members of the Armed Forces 0730-0010

1. Need for the Information Collection

According to 10 USC, Chapter 73, “Annuities Based on Retired or Retainer Pay” gives us the authority to provide this benefit and DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), 7000.14, Volume 7B, Chapter 46, Paragraph 460103 A(1), “Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) – Annuity” instructs the respondents to complete the DD 2790 form and provide to Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Upon retirement, the military retiree elects annuity coverage for his children if he chooses. This annuity is paid for a minor child of a deceased retiree, and is paid to the legal guardian, or, if there is no legal guardian, to the natural parent who has care, custody, and control of the child as the custodian, or to a representative payee of the child. An annuity may be paid directly to the child when the child is considered to be of majority age under the law in the state of residence. The child then is considered an adult for annuity purposes, and a custodian or legal fiduciary is not required. This collection is used to determine the authorized payee.

2. Use of the Information

DD Form 2790 is used by DFAS to determine the authorized payee for deceased retiree SBP payments. In order to pay the annuity to the correct person on behalf of a child under the age of majority, the form is mailed upon notification of death of retiree and completed by the custodian (legal guardian, natural parent, or representative payee of child) of the dependent child(ren), certifying their eligibility. The form can then be mailed or faxed back upon completion. If the form, with the completed certification is not received, the annuity payments are suspended.

The form is available on both the DoD Forms website (<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/forms/index.htm>). The Privacy Act Statement and Agency Disclosure Notice are available to the respondent on the form.

3. Use of Information Technology

DD Form 2790 is mailed to the respondent upon retiree’s death. It is also available in fillable PDF format from the DoD forms website. Respondents may complete the form online, print and fax or mail the completed form for processing.

4. Non-duplication

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another cleared source.

5. Burden on Small Businesses

This information collection does not impose a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses or entities.

6. Less Frequent Collection

If DFAS does not receive the information, annuity payments are suspended. The requirement to complete the form ensures annuity eligibility and helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud and abuse of dependent benefits.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Guidelines

This collection of information does not require collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines delineated in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation and Public Comments

Part A: PUBLIC NOTICE

A 60-Day Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the collection published on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. The 60-Day FRN citation is 91 FRN 47816

No comments were received during the 60-Day Comment Period.

A 30-Day Federal Register Notice for the collection published on Monday, September 28, 2026. The 30-Day FRN citation is 91 FRN 61218.

Part B: CONSULTATION

No additional consultation apart from soliciting public comments through the Federal Register was conducted for this submission.

9. Gifts or Payment

No payments or gifts are being offered to respondents as an incentive to participate in the collection.

10. Confidentiality

Respondents are assured confidentiality, to the extent provided by law, via the Privacy Act Statement on the form. DFAS certifies that the information collected is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, and OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources.

The SORN covered by this system is:

T7347b, Defense Military Retiree and Annuitant Pay System at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/11/26/2025-21170/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>

The Privacy Impact Assessment for the Defense Retiree and Annuitant Pay System (DRAS),

<https://media.defense.gov/2026/Mar/23/2003902026/-1/-1/0/DRAS-M%20DD2930%20PIA%20FORM%20-%20SECTION%201.PDF>

Records Retention: Disposition for Retired and Annuitant Pay records range from 30 days to 56 years. The administrative records such as, change of address, electronic messages or tax records, that are not paying affecting, are destroyed using retention of 30 days or less than 6 years. All pay affecting documents such as retirement documents, account computation information or entitlement/eligibility records are retained for six years or more and the pay histories are retained for 56 years. Records are destroyed by tearing, shredding, pulping, macerating, burning, or degassing the electronic storage media.

Records retention for these forms is 6 years as stated in the DFAS 5015.2-M, Records Disposition Schedules: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

11. Sensitive Questions

Disclosure of the Social Security Number (SSN) is used for positive identification of the individual requesting benefit. A justification memo is being submitted as part of the OMB submission package.

12. Respondent Burden and its Labor Costs

Part A: ESTIMATION OF RESPONDENT BURDEN

1) Collection Instrument

[DD 2790]

- a) Number of Respondents: 300
- b) Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1
- c) Number of Total Annual Responses: 300
- d) Response Time: 10
- e) Respondent Burden Hours: 50 hours

2) Total Submission Burden (Summation or average based on collection)

- a) Total Number of Respondents: 300
- b) Total Number of Annual Responses: 300
- c) Total Respondent Burden Hours: 50 hours

Part B: LABOR COST OF RESPONDENT BURDEN

1) Collection Instrument(s)

[DD 2790]

- a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 300
- b) Response Time: 10 Minutes
- c) Respondent Hourly Wage: \$7.25
- d) Labor Burden per Response: \$1.21
- e) Total Labor Burden: \$363

2) Overall Labor Burden

- a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 300

- b) Total Labor Burden: \$363

The Respondent hourly wage was determined by using the [Department of Labor Wage Website] (<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/wages/index.htm>)

13. Respondent Costs Other Than Burden Hour Costs

There are no annualized costs to respondents other than the labor burden costs addressed in Section 12 of this document to complete this collection.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

Part A: LABOR COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1) Collection Instrument(s)

[DD 2790]

- a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 300
- b) Processing Time per Response: 10 mins
- c) Hourly Wage of Worker(s) Processing Responses : \$20.38
- d) Cost to Process Each Response: \$3.40
- e) Total Cost to Process Responses: \$1,020

2) Overall Labor Burden to the Federal Government

- a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 300
- b) Total Labor Burden: \$1,020

Federal Civil Service 2026 Pay Structure (<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2026/general-schedule/>)

Part B: OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

1) Cost Categories

- a) Equipment: \$0
- b) Printing: \$18
- c) Postage: \$147
- d) Software Purchases: \$0
- e) Licensing Costs: \$165
- f) Other: \$0

2) Total Operational and Maintenance Cost: \$165

Part C: TOTAL COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

1) Total Labor Cost to the Federal Government: \$1,020

2) Total Operational and Maintenance Costs: \$165

3) Total Cost to the Federal Government: \$1,185

15. Reasons for Change in Burden

There has been no change in burden since the last approval

16. Publication of Results

The results of this information collection will not be published.

17. Non-Display of OMB Expiration Date

We are not seeking approval to omit the display of the expiration date of the OMB approval on the collection instrument.

18. Exceptions to “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Submissions”

We are not requesting any exemptions to the provisions stated in 5 CFR 1320.9.