

Loan Disbursement when requesting a guaranty on an interest rate reduction refinancing loan and provide a receipt as proof that the funding fee was paid or evidence that the claimant is exempt from such fee. VA uses the data collected to ensure lenders correctly compute the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 19, 2006 at page 3156.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total Respondents: 40,000.

Dated: April 4, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0564]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to enroll claimants receiving benefit payments into an electronic funds transfer program.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35 Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0564" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

- a. Direct Deposit Enrollment, VA Form 24-0296.
- b. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Australia), VA Form 24-0296a.
- c. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Canada), VA Form 24-0596b.
- d. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Germany), VA Form 24-2096c.
- e. Direct Deposit Enrollment (Ireland), VA Form 24-0296d.
- f. Direct Deposit Enrollement (United Kingdom), VA Form 24-0296e.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0564.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants complete the Direct Deposit Enrollment forms to authorize VA to electronically deposit their benefit payments into their financial institution account.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

- a. VA Form 24-0296—750 hours.

- b. VA Form 24-0296a (Australia)—100 hours.

- c. VA Form 24-2096b (Canada)—100 hours.

- d. VA Form 24-2096c (Germany)—100 hours.

- e. VA Form 24-2096d (Ireland)—100 hours.

- f. VA Form 24-2096e (United Kingdom)—100 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

- a. VA Form 24-0296—3,000.

- b. VA Form 24-0296a (Australia)—400.

- c. VA Form 24-2096b (Canada)—400.

- d. VA Form 24-2096c (Germany)—400.

- e. VA Form 24-0296d (Ireland)—400.

- f. VA Form 24-0296e (United Kingdom)—400.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0554]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine applicants eligibility to receive a grant and/or per diem for programs to assist the homeless.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 19, 2006.