

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0577]

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 without change, of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine eligibility for ancillary benefits for a spina bifida child of a Vietnam veteran.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-2900-0577" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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.

Title: Spina Bifida Award Attachment Important Information, VA Form 21-0307.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0577.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-0307 is used to provide children of Vietnam veterans who have spina bifida with information about VA health care and vocational training and the steps they must take to apply for such benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 19 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0118]

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 determine whether an eligible person who is enrolled in a program at one school is entitled to receive education benefits for enrollment at a secondary school.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0118" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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.

Title: Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools), VA Form Letter 22-315.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0118.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Students receiving VA education benefits and are enrolled in two training institutions, must have the primary institution at which the student pursues his or her approved program of education verify that courses pursued at a secondary school will be accepted as full credit towards the student's course objective. VA sends VA Form Letter 22-315 to the student requesting that they have the certifying official of his or her

primary institution to list the course or courses pursued at the secondary school for which the primary institution will give full credit. Educational payment for courses pursued at a secondary school is not payable until VA receives evidence from the primary institution verifying that the student is pursuing his or her approved program while enrolled in these courses. VA Form Letter 22–315 serves as this certification of acceptance.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,050 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,329.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—New (Dynamics of Unemployment in (20–24) Young Veterans)]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (OPP&P), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information for the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission as abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316.

Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900—New (Dynamics of Unemployment in (20–24) Young Veterans)” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Initiative Coordination Service (005G1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565–8374, fax (202) 565–7870 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900—New (Dynamics of Unemployment in (20–24) Young Veterans).”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Dynamics of Unemployment in Young (20–24) Veterans.

OMB Control Number: 2900—New (Dynamics of Unemployment in (20–24) Young Veterans).

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the study is to obtain information on the unemployment dynamics among young veterans (ages 20–24) recently discharged. The data includes recent employment history; occupation; income; job-seeking; experience with training, education, and employment assistance; and education. The study is a telephone survey with a representative sample, with half from regular service and half from activated reserve components. Survey items are largely from existing National surveys, such as the Current Population Survey or its Veteran Supplement, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, National Survey of Veterans, and the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

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 September 14, 2006, at page 54342.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Time per Respondent and Annual Burden: 667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0616]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 for information needed to determine non-Federal nursing home or residential care home qualification in providing care to veteran patients.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0616” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273–8310 or FAX (202) 273–9381.

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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;