

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0132]

Proposed Information Collection (Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant) Activity: 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 for information needed to determine a veteran's eligibility for specially adapted housing or special home adaptation grant.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 2, 2008.

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 to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0132" 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) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21), 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: Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant, VA Form 26-4555.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0132.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans with service-connected disability complete VA form 26-4555 to apply for assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing or the special home adaptation grant. VA uses the data collected to determine the veteran's eligibility.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Dated: September 26, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (21-2680)]

Agency Information Collection (Exam for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance) Activities Under OMB Review**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information 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 November 3, 2008.

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 (21-2680)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (21-2680)."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Exam for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance, VA Form 21-2680.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW (21-2680).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA will use VA Form 21-2680 to gather medical information that is necessary to determine beneficiaries or claimants receiving treatment from private doctors or physicians, eligibility for aid and attendance or housebound benefit.

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 July 23, 2008, at pages 42922-42923.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,000.

Dated: September 26, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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