

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900–New (26–8261a)]****Proposed Information Collection  
(Request for Certificate of Veteran  
Status) 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  
new collection, and allow 60 days for  
public comment in response to the  
notice. This notice solicits comments for  
information needed to determine an  
applicant's eligibility for a reduced  
down payment when obtaining a loan  
insured by the Federal Housing  
Administration (FHA).**DATES:** Written comments and  
recommendations on the proposed  
collection of information should bereceived on or before November 16,  
2009.**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments  
on the collection of information through  
the Federal Docket Management System  
(FDMS) at <http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to  
“OMB Control No. 2900–New (26–  
8261a)” in any correspondence. During  
the comment period, comments may be  
viewed online through FDMS.**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:* Request for Certificate of  
Veteran Status, VA Form 26–8261a.*OMB Control Number:* 2900–New  
(26–8261a).*Type of Review:* New collection.*Abstract:* The data collected on VA  
Form 26–8261a will be used to  
determine Veteran applicants' eligibility  
to receive a reduced down payment on  
a FHA backed loan.*Affected Public:* Individuals or  
households.*Estimated Annual Burden:* 17 hours.*Estimated Average Burden Per  
Respondent:* 10 minutes.*Frequency of Response:* One time.*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
100.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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