

benefits by a percentage of benefits (*i.e.* Disability Annuitants, Children Survivor Annuitants and Spousal Survivor Annuitants) payable under Title II of the Social Security Act. This matching activity will enable OPM to compute benefits at the correct rate and determine eligibility for these benefits.

#### *C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

Section 8461 (h) of title 5 of the United States Code.

#### *D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match*

Under the matching program, OPM will match SSA's disability insurance benefits (DIB) and payment date against OPM's records of retirees receiving a FERS disability annuity. The purpose of the matching program is to identify a person receiving both a FERS disability annuity and a DIB under section 223 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 423, in order to apply OPM offsets. Under FERS, 5 U.S.C. 8452(a)(2)(A), for any month in which an annuitant is entitled to both a FERS disability annuity and to a DIB, the FERS annuity shall be computed as follows: The FERS disability annuity is reduced, for any month during the first year after the individual's FERS disability annuity commences or is restored, by 100% of the individual's assumed Social Security DIB for such month, and, for any month occurring during a period other than the period described above, by 60% of the individual's assumed Social Security DIB for such month. OPM will provide SSA with an extract from the Annuity Master File and from pending claims snapshot records via the File Transfer Management System (FTMS). The extracted file will contain identifying information concerning the child survivor annuitant for whom OPM needs information concerning receipt of SSA child survivor benefits: full name, Social Security Number, date of birth, and type of information requested, as required to extract data from the SSA State Verification and Exchange System Files for Title II records. Each record on the OPM file will be matched to SSA's records to identify FERS child survivor annuitants who are receiving SSA CIBs. The SSA systems of records involved in this CMA are the Master Files of Social Security Number Holders and SSN Applications (Numident), 60-0058 and the MBR, 60-0090. OPM's system of records involved in this matching program is designated OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records. For records from OPM/Central-1, notice was provided by the publication of the system of records in

the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 54930 (Oct. 8, 1999), as amended at 73 FR 15013 (March 20, 2008).

OPM's records of surviving spouses who may be eligible to receive the FERS Supplementary Annuity will be matched against SSA's mother or father's insurance benefit and/or disabled widow(er)'s insurance benefit records. If the surviving spouse is receiving one of the above described Social Security benefits, he or she is not eligible to receive the FERS Supplementary Annuity. FERS, 5 U.S.C. 8442 (f) provides that a survivor who is entitled to a survivor's annuity and who meets certain other statutory requirements shall also be entitled to a Supplementary Annuity. To be eligible to receive a Supplementary Annuity for a given month, the surviving spouse of a deceased FERS annuitant must be eligible for a FERS survivor annuity, be under age 60, be an individual who would be entitled to widow's or widower's insurance benefits under the requirements of sections 202(e) and 402(f), based on the wages and self employment survivor had attained age 60 and otherwise satisfied necessary requirement for widow's or widow(er)'s insurance benefits. See 5 U.S.C. 8442(f)(4)(B). The individual must not be eligible for Social Security mother's or father's insurance benefits or disabled widow(er)'s insurance benefits based on the deceased annuitant's wages and self employment income.

#### *E. Privacy Safeguards and Security*

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(G)) requires that each matching agreement specify procedures for ensuring the administrative, technical, and physical security of the records matched and the results of such programs. All Federal agencies are subject to: The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) (44 U.S.C. 3541 *et seq.*); related OMB circulars and memorandum (*e.g.* OMB Circular A-130 and OMB M-06-16); National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) directives; and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). These laws, circulars, memoranda, directives and regulations include requirements for safeguarding Federal information systems and personally identifiable information used in Federal agency business processes, as well as related reporting requirements. OPM and SSA recognize that all laws, circulars, memoranda, directives, and regulations relating to the subject of this agreement and published subsequent to the effective date of this agreement must also be implemented if mandated. FISMA requirements apply to all

Federal contractors and organizations or sources that process or use Federal information, or that operate, use, or have access to Federal information systems on behalf of an agency. OPM will be responsible for oversight and compliance of their contractors and agents. Both OPM and SSA reserve the right to conduct onsite inspection to monitor compliance with FISMA regulations.

#### *F. Inclusive Dates of the Match*

The matching program shall become effective upon signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

*Summary:* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your

comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Under section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the annuitant works for a railroad or earns more than prescribed dollar amounts from either non-railroad employment or self-employment. Certain types of work may indicate an annuitant's recovery from disability. The provisions relating to the reduction or non-payment of an annuity by reason of work, and an annuitant's recovery from disability for work, are prescribed in 20 CFR 220.17–220.20. The RRB conducts continuing disability reviews (CDR) to determine whether an annuitant continues to meet the disability requirements of the law. Provisions relating to when and how often the RRB conducts CDR's are prescribed in 20 CFR 220.186.

Form G–254, *Continuing Disability Report*, is used by the RRB to develop information for a CDR determination, including a determination prompted by a report of work, return to railroad

service, allegation of medical improvement, or a routine disability review call-up. Form G–254a, *Continuing Disability Update Report*, is used to help identify a disability annuitant whose work activity and/or recent medical history warrants completion of Form G–254 for a more extensive review. Completion is required to retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent to Forms G–254 and G–254a.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (80 FR 13921 on March 17, 2015) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

**Information Collection Request (ICR)**

*Title:* Continuing Disability Report.  
*OMB Control Number:* 3220–0187.  
*Forms submitted:* G–254 and G–254a.  
*Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.  
*Affected public:* Individuals or Households.  
*Abstract:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act, a disability annuity can

be reduced or not paid, depending on the amount of earnings and type of work performed. The collection obtains information about a disabled annuitant's employment and earnings.

*Changes proposed:* The RRB proposes the following changes to Form G–254:

- Revise current Item 12a to include the spouse as a source of employment.
- Revise current Items 15k, 17a, and 17b to show the impact the disability has had on their business and decision making abilities.
- Renumber current Item 31 to Item 31a and create New Items 31b and c to identify the annuitant who requires an assistive device and to identify the assistive device, such as a cane, oxygen, etc.
- Other minor editorial changes.

The RRB also proposes the following change to Form G–254a:

- Add a request for the social security number of the applicant who is not the employee to resolve any ambiguous issues.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G–254 .....	1,500	5–35	623
G–254a .....	1,500	5	125
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>748</b>

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or [Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV](mailto:Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Charles Mierzwa, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611–2092 or [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV) and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202–395–6974, Email address: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Summary:* In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data

collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Employee's Certification; OMB 3220–0140 Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides for the payment of an annuity to the spouse or divorced spouse of a retired railroad employee. For the spouse or divorced spouse to qualify for an annuity, the RRB must determine if any of the employee's current marriage to the applicant is valid.

The requirements for obtaining documentary evidence to determine valid marital relationships are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30 through 219.35. Section 2(e) of the RRA requires that an employee must relinquish all rights to any railroad employer service before a spouse annuity can be paid.

The RRB uses Form G–346, *Employee's Certification*, to obtain the information needed to determine whether the employee's current marriage is valid. Form G–346 is completed by the retired employee who is the husband or wife of the applicant for a spouse annuity. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–346.

Form G–346sum, *Employee Certification Summary*, which mirrors the information collected on Form G–346, is used when an employee, after being interviewed by an RRB field office staff member "signs" the form using an alternative signature method known as "attestation." Attestation refers to the action taken by the RRB field office employee to confirm and annotate the