

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data usage require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new

system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Below we provide projected average estimates for the next 3-years:

- Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.
- Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30,000.
- Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.
- Estimated Annual responses:* 30,000.
- Estimated time per response:* 60 minutes.
- Burden hours:* 30,000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk as stated in 7 CFR part 245. These federal requirements affect eligibility under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program and are also applicable to the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program when individual eligibility must be established. The current approval for the information collection burden associated with 7 CFR part 245 expires on April 30, 2016. The revisions being requested are primarily adjustments due to updating the number of respondents.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by March 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Sarah Smith-Holmes, Director of Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval, and will become a matter of public record.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sarah Smith-Holmes, Director of Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division; [Sarah.Smith-Holmes@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Sarah.Smith-Holmes@fns.usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 7 CFR part 245—Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0026.

*Expiration Date:* April 30, 2016.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Food and Nutrition Service administers the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program as mandated by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751, *et seq.*), and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1771, *et seq.*). Per 7 CFR part 245, schools participating in these meal and milk programs must make free and reduced price meals and free milk available to eligible children. This information collection obtains eligibility information for free and reduced price meals and free milk and also incorporates verification procedures as required to confirm eligibility. The Programs are administered at the State and local educational agency levels and

operations include direct certification, the submission of household size and income applications for school meal/milk benefits, record maintenance, and public notification. The information collection burden associated with this revision is summarized in the chart below. The difference in burden is mainly due to updating the number of participating school food authorities and local educational agencies and the number of households having to submit an application. All of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements associated with this information collection are

currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget and are in force. This is a revision of the currently approved information collection.  
*Affected Public:* State Agencies, School Food Authorities, Schools, and Individuals/Households.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,449,186 (56 SAs, 19,822 SFAs, 5,390,000 households).  
*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 3.035.  
*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 16,540,513.  
*Estimated Hours per Response:* 0.0580889.

*Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden:* 947,920.  
*Estimated Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden:* 5,958.  
*Estimated Total Annual Public Disclosure Burden:* 6,943.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 960,821.  
*Current OMB Inventory for Part 245:* 966,023.  
*Difference (Burden Revisions Requested with this renewal):* - 5,202.  
 Refer to the following table for estimated annual burden per each type of respondent:

(a) Affected public	(b) Estimated number respondents	(c) Estimated number responses per respondent	(d) Estimated total annual responses (b × c)	(e) Estimated hours per response	(f) Estimated total annual burden hours (d × e)
<b>Reporting</b>					
State Agencies .....	56	5.018	281	0.637	179
School Food Authorities .....	19,600	557.247	10,922,050	0.025	274,741
Individuals/Households .....	5,390,000	1.03	5,551,000	0.121	673,000
Total Reporting Burden .....	5,409,656	3.045	16,473,331	0.058	947,920
<b>Recordkeeping</b>					
State Agencies .....	54	125.772	6,792	0.249	1,691
School Food Authorities .....	19,600	1.056	20,692	0.206	4,267
Total Recordkeeping Burden .....	19,654	1.398	27,484	0.217	5,958
<b>Public Notification</b>					
State Agencies .....	54	1	54	0.100	5
School Food Authorities .....	19,822	2	39,644	0.175	6,938
Total Recordkeeping Burden .....	19,876	2	39,698	0.17	6,943
<b>Total Reporting, Recordkeeping and Public Disclosure</b>					
Reporting .....	5,409,656	3.045	16,473,331	0.058	947,920
Recordkeeping .....	19,654	1.398	27,484	0.217	5,958
Public Disclosure .....	19,876	2	39,698	0.17	6,943
Total Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Public Disclosure Burden .....	5,449,186	.....	16,540,513	.....	960,821

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Food and Nutrition Service**  
**Summer Food Service Program 2016 Reimbursement Rates**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in

the Summer Food Service Program for Children. These adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The 2016 reimbursement rates are presented as a combined set of rates to highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. The 2016 rates are also presented individually, as separate operating and administrative rates of reimbursement, to show the effect of the Consumer Price Index adjustment on each rate.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 1, 2016.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Hortin, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive,

Suite 628, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; 703-305-4375.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See, 2 CFR part 415 and final rule-related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3518, no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.