

comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) that is described below. DHS is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology? Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act (SAFETY Act) forms include: DHS Form 10010, DHS Form 10009, DHS Form 10008, DHS Form 10007, DHS Form 10006, DHS Form 10005, DHS Form 10004, DHS Form 10003, DHS Form 10002, DHS Form 10001, DHS Form 100057

*Prior OMB Control Number:* 1640–0016.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency of Collection:* One per Request

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 18.2 minutes or under

*Number of Respondents:* 665

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,325

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615–0116]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: Request for Fee Waiver**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at [dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov). All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615–0116 in the subject line.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number (202) 272–8377. (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375–5283; TTY (800) 767–1833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Reason for Changes**

USCIS is primarily funded by application and petition fees. Under INA 286(m), 8 U.S.C. 1356(m), DHS has the authority to establish the fees it charges for immigration and naturalization services to recover the full costs of such services, including those provided without charge, and to recover costs associated with the administration of the fees collected. Therefore, the fees are set at a level that is intended to recover the full cost of

USCIS operations. USCIS may waive the fee for certain immigration benefit requests when the individual requesting the benefit is unable to pay the fee. See 8 CFR 103.7(c). To request a fee waiver, the individual must submit a written waiver request for permission to have their benefit request processed without payment. The waiver request must state the person's belief that he or she is entitled to or deserving of the benefit requested and the reasons for his or her inability to pay and include evidence to support the reasons indicated. See 8 CFR 103.7(c)(2).

The proposed revision would reduce the evidence required for a fee waiver to only a person's household income and no longer require proof of whether or not an individual receives a means-tested benefit. USCIS policy since 2011 has been to permit a fee waiver where an applicant received a means-tested benefit, even for a short period of time. USCIS has found that the various income levels used in states to grant a means-tested benefit result in inconsistent income levels being used to determine eligibility for a fee waiver. Consequently, a fee waiver may be granted for one person who has a certain level of income in one state, but denied for a person with that same income who lives in another state. Therefore, USCIS has determined that fee waivers should not be based on the receipt of a means tested benefit, and the revised form will not permit a fee waiver based on receipt of a means-tested benefit. It will retain the poverty-guideline threshold and financial hardship criteria. USCIS requested public comments on the revised form and policy and is proceeding with the form revision after considering the public comments. Therefore, USCIS will rescind Policy Memorandum, PM–602–0011.1, *Fee Waiver Guidelines as Established by the Final Rule of the USCIS Fee Schedule; Revisions to Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 10.9*, AFM Update AD11–26 (Mar. 13, 2011) and issue new guidance on the documentation acceptable for individuals to present to demonstrate that they are unable to pay a fee when requesting a fee waiver. The applications and petitions that are eligible for a fee waiver are provided in 8 CFR 103.7(c)(3) and will not be changed by this form and policy change.

**Comments**

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2018, at 83 FR 49120, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive 1,198 comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2010-0008 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Fee Waiver.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-912; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on this form to verify that the applicant is unable to pay for the immigration benefit being requested. USCIS will consider waiving a fee for an application or petition when the applicant or petitioner clearly demonstrates that he or she is unable to pay the fee. Form I-912 standardizes the collection and analysis of statements and supporting documentation provided by the applicant with the fee waiver request. Form I-912 also streamlines and expedites USCIS's review, approval, or denial of the fee waiver request by clearly laying out the most salient data and evidence necessary for the determination of inability to pay. Officers evaluate all factors, circumstances, and evidence supplied in support of a fee waiver request when

making a final determination. Each case is unique and is considered on its own merits. If the fee waiver is granted, the application will be processed. If the fee waiver is not granted, USCIS will notify the applicant and instruct him or her to file a new application with the appropriate fee.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-912 is 350,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours; for the information collection DACA Exemptions the estimated total number of respondents is 108 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours; for the information collection 8 CFR 103.7(d) Director's exception request the estimated total number of respondents is 20 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 409,650 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$1,312,980.

Dated: March 29, 2019.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

##### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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##### Extension of the Designation of South Sudan for Temporary Protected Status

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of South Sudan for Temporary Protected Status

(TPS) for 18 months, from May 3, 2019, through November 2, 2020. The extension allows currently eligible TPS beneficiaries to retain TPS through November 2, 2020, so long as they otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS.

This Notice also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of South Sudan (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in South Sudan) to re-register for TPS and to apply for Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). USCIS will issue new EADs with a November 2, 2020 expiration date to eligible beneficiaries under South Sudan's TPS designation who timely re-register and apply for EADs under this extension.

**DATES:** *Extension of Designation of South Sudan for TPS:* The 18-month extension of the TPS designation of South Sudan is effective May 3, 2019, and will remain in effect through November 2, 2020. The 60-day re-registration period runs from April 5, 2019 through June 4, 2019. (*Note:* It is important for re-registrants to timely re-register during this 60-day period and not to wait until their EADs expire.)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- You may contact Samantha Deshombres, Branch Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, by mail at 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529-2060, or by phone at 800-375-5283.

- For further information on TPS, including guidance on the re-registration process and additional information on eligibility, please visit the USCIS TPS web page at <http://www.uscis.gov/tps>. You can find specific information about this extension of South Sudan's TPS designation by selecting "South Sudan" from the menu on the left side of the TPS web page.

- If you have additional questions about TPS, please visit [www.uscis.gov/tools](http://www.uscis.gov/tools). Our online virtual assistant, Emma, can answer many of your questions and point you to additional information on our website. If you are unable to find your answers there, you may also call our USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283.

- Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases may check Case Status Online, available on the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).