

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Public Law 112–260 Section 201, enacted by President Obama on 10 January 2013, required Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and maintain an “Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR)” no later than one year from enactment. VA launched the AHOBPR in June 2014. There is no sunset date identified in the law. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may “include any information in such registry that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines necessary to ascertain and monitor the health effects of the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to toxic airborne chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits.” Currently, VA plans to operate the AHOBPR indefinitely, and we request approval to continue administering the questionnaire.

The Qarmat Ali (QA) program is a new request for a follow-up information collection for a subset of Veterans impacted by a specific airborne hazard. In the Spring and Summer of 2003, approximately 700 U.S. Servicemembers may have been impacted by a specific airborne hazard while serving at a water injection plant in Qarmat Ali, Iraq. The Department of Defense (DoD) was unable to determine specific exposure levels near the water treatment facility. In 2010, in response to DoD’s notification, the VA offered no-cost medical evaluations and encouraged the cohort to enroll in a new Qarmat Ali medical surveillance program within the Gulf War Registry. The QA cohort is also eligible to participate in the AHOBPR program due to their deployment to Iraq. As part of the planned 5-year periodic medical follow-up and surveillance program, self-reported information will be collected through the AHOBPR as outlined above. Information collected is voluntary and is used to provide outreach and quality health services to AHOBPR participants. Collected data contributes to VA’s ability to understand the potential health effects of the exposure to burn pit emissions and other airborne hazards during deployment, such as particulate matter.

Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR) Self-Assessment/ Questionnaire:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 33,333 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Subset of AHOBPR, Qarmat Ali Questionnaire:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 114 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 686.

By direction of the Secretary.

Danny S. Green,

Interim VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0205]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Health Professions Trainees

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Health Administration, 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.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 5, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0205” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 615–9241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA’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.

Authority: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Application for Health Professions Trainees, VA Form 10–2850D

OMB Control Number: 2900–0205.

Type of Review: Extension of an approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10–2850D, Application for Health Professions Trainees, is part of a previously approved collection of forms under OMB control number 2900–0205. VA Form 10–2850D is designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about qualifications for each trainee participating in accredited educational programs with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The 10–2850D form is used by all health professions trainees, including physician and dentist residents.

The collection of this information is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 7403, (Veterans’ Benefits), which provides that appointments of Title 38 employees will be made only after qualifications have been satisfactorily verified in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Occupations listed in 38 U.S.C. 7401(1) and 7401(3) (Appointments in Veterans Health Administration) are appointed at a grade and step rate, or an assignment, based on careful evaluation of their education and experience.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) conducts education and training programs through partnerships with affiliated academic institutions and through VHA’s own sponsored programs. 38 U.S.C 7302 (Functions of Veterans Health Administration: health-

care personnel education and training programs) mandates that VHA assist in the training of health professionals for its own needs and for those of the nation.

The VA Form 10–2850D application will collect information from health professions trainees prior to VA appointment. All health professions trainees must provide information concerning their background, training, education, degrees, licensure, registrations, and other vital information to ensure appropriate qualifications for VA assignment.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 121,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Danny S. Green,

Interim VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0781]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Disability Benefits Questionnaire (Group 4)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 5, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to

Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0781” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny S. Green at (202) 421–1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

Authority: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Disability Benefits Questionnaire (Group 4).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0781.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The VA Form 21–0960 series will be used to gather necessary information from a claimant’s treating physician regarding the results of medical examinations. VA will gather medical information related to the claimant that is necessary to adjudicate the claim for VA disability benefits. The Disability Benefits Questionnaire title will include the name of the specific disability for which it will gather information. The Disability Benefit Questionnaire Group 4 includes the following forms: VA Form 21–0960C–3, *Cranial Nerve Conditions Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any cranial nerve condition; VA Form 21–0960C–6, *Narcolepsy Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of narcolepsy; VA Form 21–0960C–7, *Fibromyalgia Disability Benefits*

Questionnaire, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of fibromyalgia; VA Form 21–0960C–11, *Seizure Disorders (Epilepsy) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any seizure disorder including epilepsy; VA Form 21–0960D–1, *Oral and Dental Conditions Including Mouth, Lips and Tongue (Other than Temporomandibular Joint Conditions) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any oral or dental conditions; VA Form 21–0960E–2, *Endocrine Diseases (Other than Thyroid, Parathyroid, or Diabetes Mellitus) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any endocrine disease including cushings and acromegaly, however it excludes diabetes; VA Form 21–0960E–3, *Thyroid and Parathyroid Conditions Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any thyroid or parathyroid condition; VA Form 21–0960H–1, *Hernias (Including Abdominal, Inguinal, and Femoral hernias) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of abdominal, inguinal, or femoral hernias; VA Form 21–0960I–2, *HIV-Related Illness Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any HIV-related illness; VA Form 21–0960I–3, *Infectious Diseases Other Than HIV-Related Illness, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and Tuberculosis Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any infectious diseases; VA Form 21–0960I–4, *Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and other Autoimmune Diseases Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of lupus or other immune disorders; VA Form 21–0960I–5, *Nutritional Deficiencies Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of nutritional deficiencies; VA Form 21–0960J–4, *Urinary Tract (including Bladder & Urethra) Conditions (excluding Male Reproductive System) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any urinary tract or bladder condition; VA Form 21–0960L–1, *Respiratory Conditions (Other than Tuberculosis & Sleep Apnea) Disability Benefits Questionnaire*, will gather information related to the claimant’s diagnosis of any respiratory condition; VA Form 21–