

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900–0406]****Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Verification of VA Benefits****AGENCY:** Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 24, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0406” in any correspondence.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

*Title:* Verification of VA Benefits, 26–8937.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0406.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 26–8937 is designed to assist lenders and VA in the completion of debt checks in a uniform manner. The form restricts information requested to only that needed for the debt check and also eliminates unlimited versions of lender-designed forms.

Lenders ensure the completion of the upper portion of VA Form 26–8937, including that the veteran’s authorization for release of the information, and forward it to the

appropriate VA Officer. VA personnel perform the debt check, complete the balance of the form, and return it to the lender, who considers any repayment terms in evaluating the veteran’s creditworthiness. Following the closing of any loan, the lender submits the form with the loan report and related documents for past closing review. The form is reviewed by a loan examiner to ensure that debt check requirements have been observed in each case.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 84 FR 9214 Pages 9214–9215 (2 pages).

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****[OMB Control No. 2900–0745]****Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Certificate of Veteran Status****AGENCY:** Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 24, 2019.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Title:* Request for Certificate of Veteran Status, VA form 26–8261a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0745.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 26–8261a is used by VA to determine an applicant’s eligibility for a possible reduced down payment when obtaining a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), under the provisions of Section 203(b)(2) or 220(d)(a) of the National Housing Act as amended. FHA actually provides the benefit. However, VA is charged with determining if the veteran-applicant meets the basic eligibility requirements regarding length and character of service. If eligibility is established, VA issues the applicant a Certificate of Veterans Status that is then used when the borrower obtains an FHA insured loan. This certificate gives the borrower the possibility of a reduced down payment on an FHA backed loan.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 84 FR 8153 on March 6, 2019, pages 8153 and 8154.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

By direction of the Secretary.

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