

Solicitation of Public Comments:

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Title: "SBIC Management Assessment Questionnaire & License Application; Exhibits to SBIC License Application/ Management Assessment Questionnaire".

Frequency: On Occasion.

SBA Form Numbers: 2181, 2182, 2182EXD, 2182Excel Supplement, 2182Exhibit E1 and 2183.

Description of Respondents: Small business investment company (SBIC).

Responses: 375.

Annual Burden: 24,625.

Curtis Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

ACTION: 60 Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Louis Cupp, New Markets Policy Analyst, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis Cupp, New Markets Policy Analyst, 202-619-0511, louis.cupp@sba.gov; Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected on SBA Form 480, "Size Status Declaration" is a certification of small business size status. This information collection is used to determine whether SBIC financial assistance is provided only to small business concerns as defined in the Small Business Investment Act and SBA size regulations. Without this certification, businesses that exceed SBA's size standards could benefit from program resources meant for small businesses.

Title: "Size Status Declaration".

Description of Respondents: Small business Investment Companies.

Form Number: 480.

Annual Responses: 1,705.

Annual Burden: 233.

Curtis Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Sharon Gurley, Director Program Review, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Gurley, Director Program Review, 202-205-7084, sharon.gurley@sba.gov, Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030 curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Small Business Administration needs to collect this information to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission into the 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program and for continued eligibility to participate in the Program. SBA also

uses some of the information for an annual report to Congress on the 8(a) BD Program.

Respondents can be individuals and firms making applications to the 8(a) BD Program, or respondents can be individuals and Participant firms revising information related to the 8(a) BD Program Annual Review.

Summary of Information Collection:
Title: 8(A) SBD Paper and Electronic Application".

Description of Respondents:

Form Number's: 1010-NHO, 1010-Business, 1010-CDC, 1010-AIT, 1010-ANC, 1010-IND, 1010-individual.

Annual Responses: 60,070.

Annual Burden: 15,248.

Curtis Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Sharon Gurley, Director Program Review, Office of Business Development, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Gurley, Director Program Review, Business Development, sharon.gurley@sba.gov, 202-205-7084, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 124.403, each 8(a) participant must annually review its business plan with the assigned Business Opportunity Specialist (BOS) and modify the plan, as appropriate, within 30 days after the

close of each program year. The Participant must also submit a statement describing its current contract performance capabilities as part of its update business plan. SBA uses the information collected to assess the participant's financial condition and continued eligibility.

Summary of Information Collection:

Title: 8(a) Annual Update.

Description of Respondents: 8(a)

Program Participants.

Form Number: SBA Form 1450.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 5,399.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 8,096.

Curtis Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2019-0038]

Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2020

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under title II of the Social Security Act (Act), there will be a 1.6 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits effective December 2019. In addition, the national average wage index for 2018 is \$52,145.80. The cost-of-living increase and national average wage index affect other program parameters as described below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen K. Sutton, Office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3000. Information relating to this announcement is available on our internet site at www.socialsecurity.gov/oact/cola/index.html. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or visit our internet site at www.socialsecurity.gov online.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because of the 1.6 percent cost-of-living increase, the following items will increase for 2020:

(1) The maximum Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payment amounts for 2020 under title XVI of the Act will be \$783 for an eligible individual, \$1,175 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse, and \$392 for an essential person;

(2) The special benefit amount under title VIII of the Act for certain World War II veterans will be \$587.25 for 2020;

(3) The student earned income exclusion under title XVI of the Act will be \$1,900 per month in 2020, but not more than \$7,670 for all of 2020;

(4) The dollar fee limit for services performed as a representative payee will be \$44 per month (\$83 per month in the case of a beneficiary who is disabled and has an alcoholism or drug addiction condition that leaves him or her incapable of managing benefits) in 2020; and

(5) The dollar limit on the administrative-cost fee assessment charged to an appointed representative such as an attorney, agent, or other person who represents claimants will be \$97 beginning in December 2019.

The national average wage index for 2018 is \$52,145.80. This index affects the following amounts:

(1) The Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) contribution and benefit base will be \$137,700 for remuneration paid in 2020 and self-employment income earned in taxable years beginning in 2020;

(2) The monthly exempt amounts under the OASDI retirement earnings test for taxable years ending in calendar year 2020 will be \$1,520 for beneficiaries who will attain their Normal Retirement Age (NRA) (defined in the *Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts* section below) after 2020 and \$4,050 for those who attain NRA in 2020;

(3) The dollar amounts (bend points) used in the primary insurance amount (PIA) formula for workers who become eligible for benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2020 will be \$960 and \$5,785;

(4) The bend points used in the formula for computing maximum family benefits for workers who become eligible for retirement benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2020 will be \$1,226, \$1,770, and \$2,309;

(5) The taxable earnings a person must have to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2020 will be \$1,410;

(6) The "old-law" contribution and benefit base under title II of the Act will be \$102,300 for 2020;

(7) The monthly amount deemed to constitute substantial gainful activity (SGA) for statutorily blind persons in 2020 will be \$2,110. The corresponding amount for non-blind disabled persons will be \$1,260;

(8) The earnings threshold establishing a month as a part of a trial work period will be \$910 for 2020; and

(9) Coverage thresholds for 2020 will be \$2,200 for domestic workers and

\$1,900 for election officials and election workers.

According to section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Act, we must publish the benefit increase percentage and the revised table of "special minimum" benefits within 45 days after the close of the third calendar quarter of 2019. We must also publish the following by November 1: The national average wage index for 2018 (215(a)(1)(D)), the OASDI fund ratio for 2019 (section 215(i)(2)(C)(ii)), the OASDI contribution and benefit base for 2020 (section 230(a)), the earnings required to be credited with a quarter of coverage in 2020 (section 213(d)(2)), the monthly exempt amounts under the Social Security retirement earnings test for 2020 (section 203(f)(8)(A)), the formula for computing a PIA for workers who first become eligible for benefits or die in 2020 (section 215(a)(1)(D)), and the formula for computing the maximum benefits payable to the family of a worker who first becomes eligible for old-age benefits or dies in 2020 (section 203(a)(2)(C)).

Cost-of-Living Increases

General

The cost-of-living increase is 1.6 percent for monthly benefits under title II and for monthly payments under title XVI of the Act. Under title II, OASDI monthly benefits will increase by 1.6 percent for individuals eligible for December 2019 benefits, payable in January 2020. We base this increase on the authority contained in section 215(i) of the Act.

Pursuant to section 1617 of the Act, Federal SSI benefit rates will also increase by 1.6 percent effective for payments made for January 2020 but paid on December 31, 2019.

Computation

Computation of the cost-of-living increase is based on an increase in a Consumer Price Index produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the time the Act was amended to provide cost-of-living increases, only one Consumer Price Index existed, namely the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. Although the Bureau of Labor Statistics has since developed other consumer price indices, we follow precedent by continuing to use the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. We refer to this index in the following paragraphs as the CPI.

Section 215(i)(1)(B) of the Act defines a "computation quarter" to be a third calendar quarter in which the average CPI exceeded the average CPI in the previous computation quarter. The last