

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Notice of a Change in Status of the Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Vermont**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a change in benefit payment status under the EB program for Vermont.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding Vermont's EB status:

Vermont's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending April 18, 2020 was 6.27 percent, which exceeds 120 percent of the corresponding rate in the prior two years. This IUR caused Vermont to be triggered "on" to an EB period that began May 3, 2020. The State will remain in an EB period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at: [http://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

**Information for Claimants**

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program and the terms and conditions on which they are payable are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Kevin Stapleton, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number: (202)-693-3009 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov](mailto:Stapleton.Kevin@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Benefit Appeals Report**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before June 17, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal Rennie by telephone at 202-693-0456, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ETA 5130, Benefit Appeals Report, contains information on the number of appeals and the resultant decisions classified by program, appeal level, cases filed and disposed of (workload flow), and decisions by level, appellant and issue. The data on this form are used to monitor the benefit appeals process in the state workforce agencies (SWAs). Data are also used for budgeting and

workload data. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 2019 (84 FR 57769).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL-ETA.

*Title of Collection:* Benefit Appeals Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0172.

*Affected Public:* State, local and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,272.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 1,272 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

Dated: May 8, 2020.

**Anthony May,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed