

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Appeals**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit 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, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 20, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Appeals.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0063.

*Form Number(s):* (AIA = American Invents; SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO/AIA/31: (Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).
- PTO/SB/31: (Notice of Appeal).
- PTO/AIA/32: (Request for Oral Hearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).
- PTO/SB/32: (Request for Oral Hearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 22,664 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates 48,886 responses and that it takes the public approximately .5 to 32 hours to complete this information collection, depending on the complexity of the request. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the brief, petition, and other papers, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 565,927 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden:* \$48,712,078.

*Needs and Uses:* The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB or Board) is

established by statute under 35 U.S.C. 6 (American Inventors Protection Act of 1999). This statute directs, in relevant part, that PTAB shall "on written appeal of an applicant, review adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents pursuant to section 134(a)." PTAB has the authority, under 35 U.S.C. 134 and 306 (America Invents Act) to decide appeals in applications and *ex parte* reexamination proceedings, and under pre-AIA sections of the Patent Act, *i.e.*, 35 U.S.C. 134 and 315, to decide appeals in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings.

The Board's responsibilities under the statute include the review of *ex parte* appeals from adverse decisions of examiners in those situations where a written appeal is taken by a dissatisfied applicant or patent owner. In *inter partes* reexamination appeals, PTAB reviews examiner's decisions adverse to a patent owner or a third-party requester. PTAB's opinions and decisions are usually publicly available and published on the USPTO website.

The items associated with this information collection include appeals in applications and *ex parte* reexamination proceedings, and appeals in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings that are governed by the regulations in 37 CFR 41. Failure to comply with the appropriate regulations may result in dismissal of the appeal or denial of entry of the submission.

The name of this information collection is being changed from "PTAB Actions" to "PTAB Appeals" to better reflect the content of the information collection. In addition, this renewal adds three items currently approved in another information collection (0651-0031: Patent Processing) to include all items related to patent appeals in a single information collection. These three items are: Notice of Appeal, Amendment to Cancel Claims During an Appeal, and Request for Oral Hearing. A separate change request will be submitted to remove these three items from that information collection (0651-0031: Patent Processing).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; private sector. The USPTO estimates that the majority (95%) of respondents (*i.e.*, applicants, patent owners, and requesters) will be from the private sector, but that about 5% will be individuals and households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO

information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651-0063.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0063 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**Kimberly Hardy,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID: USAF-2019-HQ-0012]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).  
**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 30, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela James, 571-372-7574, or [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Military Working Dog Adoption Application; DD Form X810-7; OMB Control Number 0701-XXXX.

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 200.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 200 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This form will be used to assess the suitability of U.S. citizens and local and state law enforcement agencies to adopt Department of Defense Military Working Dogs, as outlined in DoDI 5200.31E, Title 10 United States Code 2583, and AFI 31-126. The information is needed to determine if individuals voluntarily submitting the adoption application are suitable adopters for Military Working Dogs, based on the best interests of the Military Working Dog. The information will be used to contact applicants and to interview, screen and select applicants for voluntary adoption.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Angela James.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. James at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: June 25, 2020.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID: USAF-2018-HQ-0004]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 30, 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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Air Force Recruiting Information Support System—Total Force (AFRISS-TF); OMB Control Number 0701-0150.

*Type of Request:* Renewal with Change.

*Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 100,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 25,000 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Recruiting requires the collection of specific information on prospective Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Command enlistees, officers, and health profession personnel entering into duty. The information is used to create the initial personnel record that is used to prescreen and qualify enlistees, line officers, and health professionals fit for service and ultimately induction into one of the three Air Force commands. The information is also collected to process security clearances for those individuals requiring clearances for sensitive and classified positions. The respondents are recruiting applicants of the Air Force who may seek more information or request copies of their personal information. The collection

instrument is a list of questions asked by the recruiter that cannot be found on the SF-86; information taken from the SF-86 can complete the rest of the recruit's application. Collections instruments are completed by applicants and recruiters into the system of record as applicable to their recruiting and application purposes. All completed instruments of collection reside in the system of record which has safeguards in place to protect privacy information. The end result of a successful information collection is the successful accession of an applicant in the Air Force and the safe keeping of said applicant's personal information.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

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Dated: June 25, 2020.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID: USAF-2019-HQ-0003]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.