

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Survey of Individuals Using Their Entitlement to Educational Assistance Under the Educational Assistance Programs Administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed new 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 new proposed collection of information, 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 February 22, 2021.

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, 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–NEW” 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: 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

Title: Survey of Individuals Using Their Entitlement To Educational Assistance Under The Educational Assistance Programs Administered By The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Type of Review: New data collection.

Abstract: The Educational Assistance Program Feedback Survey is designed to measure experience of beneficiaries of educational assistance programs administered by the Veterans Affairs (VA), including under chapters 30, 32, 33, and 35 of title 38 United States Code. The information will help the VA improve programs and better serve Veterans interested in educational assistance. Educational Assistance Program feedback data will be collected using an online transactional survey or paper disseminated via an invitation email or mailed letter sent to selected beneficiaries. The survey questionnaire includes 52 questions, though in actuality due to branching depending on responses to each question respondents will complete anywhere from 8–49 questions (8 if respondents passed their benefit to dependents; 39–49 questions for all other respondents). The survey contains general rating-scale questions (e.g., a scale of 1–5 from Very dissatisfied to Very satisfied; or Not at all effective to Extremely effective) to assess satisfaction with educational assistance programs, resources, training as well as questions assessing education/training outcomes (completion of program, current income level) and has been approved by the Education Service leadership. These questions have been mapped to the Public Law 114–315 (December 15, 2016) section 414. After the survey has been distributed, recipients will have two weeks to complete the survey. Invitees will receive a reminder email or mailed letter after one week. The sample will be distributed across four Education Benefit Programs: Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (Chapter 30), Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP; Chapter 32), and Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA; Chapter 35). The overall sample size is determined so that the reliability of survey estimate is 3% Margin of Error at a 95% Confidence Level. Once data collection is completed, the participant responses in the survey will be weighted so that the samples more

closely represent the overall population. Weighting models will rely on beneficiary age and gender.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Annual Burden: 180 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,080.

By direction of the Secretary.

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VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation****ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received by January 14, 2021, no later than 4:00 p.m., eastern standard time. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages should be emailed to the Designated Federal Officer, Latrese Arnold at Latrese.Arnold@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee responsibilities include, but are not limited to, submitting to the Secretary an annual report on the rehabilitation programs and activities of the VA.

Membership Criteria: VBA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. Members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from the general public, including but not limited to:

(1) Veterans with service-connected disabilities;

(2) Persons who have distinguished themselves in the public and private sectors in the fields of rehabilitation medicine, vocational guidance, vocational rehabilitation, and employment and training programs

(3) Ex officio members of the Committee shall include one representative from the Veterans Health Administration and one from the Veterans Benefits Administration; one representative each from the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Education, and the National Institute for Handicapped Research of the Department of Education; and one representative of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training of the Department of Labor.

Authority: The Committee was established pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3121, to advise the Secretary of VA with respect to the administration of Veterans' rehabilitation programs. Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill upcoming vacancies on the Committee.

To the extent possible, the Secretary seeks members who have diverse professional and personal qualifications. We ask that nominations include information of this type so that VA can ensure a balanced Committee membership.

Individuals appointed to the Committee by the Secretary shall be

invited to serve a three-year term. The Secretary may reappoint a member for an additional term of service. In accordance with Federal Travel Regulation, Committee members will receive travel expenses and a per diem allowance for any travel made in association with duties as members of the Committee and within federal travel guidelines. Self-nominations are acceptable. Any letters of nomination from organizations or other individuals should accompany the package when it is submitted. Non-Veterans are also eligible for nomination.

Requirements for Nomination submission: Nominations should be typed (one nomination per nominator). Nomination package should include:

(1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement from the nominee indicating that he/she is a U.S. citizen and is willing to serve as a member of the Committee;

(2) the nominee's contact information, including name, mailing address, telephone numbers, and email address;

(3) the nominee's curriculum vitae;

(4) a summary of the nominee's experience and qualifications relative to the membership considerations described above; and

(5) a statement confirming that he/she is not a federally-registered lobbyist.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of VA Federal advisory committees is balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Appointments to this Committee shall be made without discrimination based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information. Nominations must state that the nominee appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. An ethics review is conducted for each selected nominee.

Dated: December 17, 2020.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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