

workplace environment for those working in the buildings. This collection of information will provide WHS an understanding of the effectiveness of these new policies in making the tenants feel safer in working inside the building, what additional assistance WHS can provide to further improve tenants' safety, to assure accurate and continuous communication efforts, and telework experience.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours.

Number of Respondents: 240.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 240.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

Dated: December 30, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2020-OS-0107]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance Accounting Service, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

Mail: DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Kellen Stout, 8899 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46249 or call (317) 212-1801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment; DD Form 397; OMB Control Number 0730-0017.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement allows the government to collect the signatures and information needed to pay a death gratuity. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1475-1480, a designated beneficiary(ies) or next-of-kin can receive a death gratuity payment for a deceased service member. This form serves as a record of the disbursement. The DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 36, defines the eligible beneficiaries and procedures for payment. To provide internal controls for this benefit, and to comply with the above-cited statutes, the information requested is needed to substantiate the receipt of the benefit.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 250 Hours.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: December 30, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Clarification on Reopening the Application Period for Certain Applicants Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Sections 18004(a)(1), 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3); Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; clarification.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is providing notice that the newly-enacted Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the 2021 Appropriations Act) supersedes the Department of Education's (Department's) notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2020, that reopened the HEERF grant program application period for certain limited applicants (Reopening Notice). The 2021 Appropriations Act prevents the Department from accepting or processing any applications for new awards under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (*i.e.*, the "Student Aid Portion" program (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA) 84.425E) and the "Institutional Portion" program (CFDA 84.425F)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Epps, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 250-64, Washington, DC 20202. Email: HEERF@ed.gov. Telephone: (202) 453-6337. Please also visit our HEERF website: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 23, 2020 (85 FR 83917), the Department published the Reopening Notice, which reopened the HEERF application period for applicants that met one of the five conditions described in the Reopening Notice and that we verified previously had attempted to apply through *grants.gov* for a specific HEERF funding opportunity.

The 2021 Appropriations Act (H.R. 133) was signed into law by President Donald Trump on December 27, 2020. It supersedes, in part, the Reopening Notice and requires that any unobligated CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) funds be used by the Department to carry out section 314(a)(1) of the 2021 Appropriations Act, which allocates funds to certain institutions of higher education under a new formula. Therefore, there are no