

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.

**Kayyonne T. Marston,**

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

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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.

**Kayyonne T. Marston,**

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

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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](mailto:HEERF@ed.gov). Telephone: (202) 453-6337. Please also visit our HEERF website: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html](http://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

remaining funds to award to institutions under the CARES Act “Student Aid Portion” program (CFDA 84.425E) and the “Institutional Portion” program (CFDA 84.425F), and the Department cannot accept or process applications for these funds under the Reopening Notice, including applications received prior to December 27, 2020 in response to the Reopening Notice.

*Note:* While the Department cannot accept or process any applications for CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) program funds, we are still able to accept applications for our section 18004(a)(2) and (a)(3) HEERF programs (CFDAs 84.425J, 84.425K, 84.425L, 84.425M, 84.425N) from applicants that meet one of the five conditions described in the Reopening Notice and that we verified previously have attempted to apply through *grants.gov* for one of these HEERF grant opportunities. Applicants for those funds must follow the requirements specified in the Reopening Notice and submit their revised or corrected applications no later than January 11, 2021.

*Note:* The requirements described in this notice apply only to CARES Act section 18004(a)(1) HEERF funds not yet awarded by the Department to institutions. They do not apply to funds that were awarded to institutions by the Department prior to the enactment of the 2021 Appropriations Act, but that have not yet been spent by institutions. Institutions that received awards under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act continue to have one calendar year from the date of their award to expend funds under their grant period of performance.

*Note:* The Department intends to issue guidance at a future date regarding the grant opportunities created by section 314 of the 2021 Appropriations Act, including the circumstances under which institutions that did not receive funds under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act can apply for funding under the 2021 Appropriations Act.

*Accessible Format:* On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at *www.federalregister.gov*. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

**Robert L. King,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

**ACTION:** Notice of membership.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). This notice is required under Section 114(e)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 2C159, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Alan Smith, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 2C159, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453–7757, or email *george.alan.smith@ed.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### NACIQI’s Statutory Authority and Functions

The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals’ experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and,

(C) On the basis of the individuals’ technical qualifications, professional

standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV of the HEA;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process;
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

*What are the terms of office for the committee members?*

The term of office of each member is six years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member’s predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

*Who are the current members of the committee?*

The current members of the NACIQI are:

*Members Appointed by the Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, With Terms Expiring September 30, 2025:*

- Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Tri-County Technical College, Anderson, South Carolina.
- Wallace E. Boston, Ph.D., President Emeritus, American Public University System, Inc., Charles Town, West Virginia.
- Amanda Delekta, Student, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan.
- David A. Eubanks, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.
- D. Michael Lindsay, Ph.D., President, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts.
- Mary Ellen Petrisko, Ph.D., Former President, WASC Senior College and University Commission, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.