

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0005]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for DIC by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation)**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veteran's Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed 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 proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, 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 June 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue

NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0005” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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:* 38 U.S.C. 1121, 1310, 5121.

*Title:* Application for DIC by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation) (VA Form 21P–535).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0005.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* 38 U.S.C 1121 and 1310 provide for payment of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) or Death compensation to parents of a Veteran whose death is service-connected. Parents must also meet income limitation to be eligible for benefits. 38 U.S.C. 5121 provides for payment of accrued benefits. VBA uses 21P–535 to collect the information necessary to determine a surviving parent's eligibility to Parents' DIC benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4,320 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 72 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,600.

By direction of the Secretary.

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