

Directive 4165.50E, "Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)", the Department of Defense (DoD) provides funds to financially compensate eligible military and civilian federal employee homeowners, and eligible homeowners who are surviving spouses of fallen warriors, when the real estate market is adversely affected in direct relation to an installation event. The ARRA expanded the HAP to: Wounded, members of the Armed Forces with a 30 percent or greater disability, surviving spouses of fallen warriors, and wounded DoD civilian homeowners reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or rehabilitation or due to medical retirement in connection with their disability. DoD will also provide financial assistance to offset financial losses of homeowners who need to sell their homes in conjunction with installation events, combat injuries, or loss of spouse in the line of duty. Priority access to the funds goes to surviving spouses of those killed during deployment and those who were wounded, injured, or ill during deployment on or after September 11, 2001. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has overall responsibility and provides oversight for this program through the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Housing. The Army, acting as the DoD executive agent for administering the HAP, uses the Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to implement the program. HAP applicants use DD Form 1607, "Application for Homeowner's Assistance," to apply for HAP benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Hours: 60.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 15.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Applicants most often complete the form with the assistance of a representative of the Family Housing Office. After it has been filled out, the form is then emailed, faxed, hand-carried, or—in rare cases—mailed to the district HAP office for processing. An action officer in the district HAP office processes the form to ensure all of the necessary information has been provided. If necessary, the applicant is provided with the appropriate instructions for the necessary supplemental information. When the case file is deemed complete by the action officer, it is provided to a counselor for approval or rejection recommendation based on program

criteria related to economic impact, service requirements, the applicant's homeowner status, the applicant's primary residence status, and other assistance received by the homeowner. A formal response regarding eligibility or appeal status is provided to the applicant via mail.

Dated: June 8, 2021.

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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]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, 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 14, 2021.

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. 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 Duncan, 571-372-7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 250.

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.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

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 Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0045]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense