

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: Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3680A(d) and 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21.4201.

Title: Exemption Request from 85/15 Reporting Requirement, VA Form 22-10216.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: This form will be used to satisfy requirements as outlined. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized to pay education benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, and 35 of title 38, U.S.C. and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.

As part of the benefits authorization process, Code of Federal Regulations (CR) Title 38 § 21.4201 places restrictions on enrollment based on the

percentage of students receiving financial support in any approved program. Except as otherwise provided by regulation, VA shall not approve an enrollment in any course for an eligible Veteran, not already enrolled, for any period during which more than 85 percent of the students enrolled in the course are having all or part of their tuition fees or other charges paid for them by the educational institution or by VA under title 38, U.S.C., or under title 10, U.S.C. This is known as the 85/15 Rule and is applicable to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) and Non-College Degree postsecondary schools (NCDs).

The requirements apply to all courses, not otherwise exempt or waiver offered by all educational institutions, regardless whether the institution is degree-granting, proprietary profit, proprietary nonprofit, eleemosynary, public and/or tax-supported.

These schools are required to submit information necessary to determine if their programs of training are approved for the payment of VA educational assistance. This specified information is submitted either to VA or to the State Approving Agency (SAA) having jurisdiction over that school.

This regulation includes a provision that permits an exemption from routine reporting of this data for schools that assert the number of VA beneficiary students in all programs approved for GI Bill never exceeds 35% of the total

enrollment at the educational institution. If approved, such schools must still monitor and collect the data, but are exempt from routinely reporting it to VA.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will conduct a virtual site visit on August 24-27, 2021, with the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 20: Northwest Network and the VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) in Portland, OR.

Date:	Time:	Location:
August 24, 2021	10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (PT)	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 25, 2021	10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (PT)	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 26, 2021	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (PT)	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 27, 2021	10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. (PT)	See Webex link and call-in information below.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On Tuesday, August 24, the agenda includes overviews of: VISN 20's facilities and programs; an overview of VISN 20 services for women Veterans; and an overview of VAPORHCS facilities, programs and community partners.

On Wednesday, August 25, the agenda includes a continuation of briefings on VAPORHCS' programs and services for women Veterans. On

Thursday, August 26, the agenda includes briefings on: Oregon State services and initiatives for women Veterans; an overview of Portland Regional Benefits Office's business lines and initiatives; and an overview of Willamette National Cemetery's services and programs.

On Friday, August 27, the committee will conduct an out-briefing with leadership from VISN 20, VAPORHCS, Portland Regional Benefits Office and Willamette National Cemetery. From 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Committee will observe a women Veterans town hall meeting hosted by the VAPORHCS. The meeting sessions and town hall meeting are open to the public. Information about the town hall meeting will be provided to the public by the VAPORHCS.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments for review by the Committee to Ms. Shannon L. Middleton at *00W@mail.va.gov* no later than August 13. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the virtual site visit may use the following WebEx link: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m0811fbff8f35b9c770c5d88657d99b68>; meeting number: 199 198 2364; password: aiPG43Znt*7. Participants can also join by phone (toll free) at 1-404-397-1596; access code: 199 198 2364##.

Dated: July 27, 2021.

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Officer.*

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