

ADDRESSES: To view the policy letter mentioned in this notice, search the docket number USCG–2021–0734 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, contact James Cavo, Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG–MMC–2), Coast Guard; telephone 202–372–1205; email MMCPolicy@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This change revises CG–Policy Letter 02–18 to include the requirements for renewal of Basic and Advanced Polar Code Operations endorsements. Renewal requirements for these endorsements were not included in the original policy letter. Methods to qualify for renewal of an STCW endorsement in Polar Code Operations will include completion of refresher training, evidence of being a qualified instructor of a Basic or Advanced Polar Code Operations course at least twice within the past five years, or sea service.

The professional requirements to renew a merchant mariner credential (MMC) in 46 CFR 10.227 include the option to present evidence of at least 1 year of sea service during the past 5 years. However, Section A–I/11 paragraph 4.1 of the STCW Code only requires 2 months of seagoing service within the previous 5 years for renewal of Basic and Advanced Polar Code endorsements. To align with the STCW requirements and to ensure the seagoing service requirement for the renewal of a Polar Code Operations endorsement does not exceed the seagoing service requirement to initially qualify for Polar Code Operations endorsement, the seagoing service requirement for renewal of Polar Code Operations endorsements will be 2 months of seagoing service in the previous 5 years. Mariners will also need to meet the applicable requirements in 46 CFR 10.227 for the renewal of their MMC.

This change also removes transitional provisions that expired on July 1, 2020.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: September 20, 2021.

J.G. Lantz,

U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2021–0741]

Information Collection Request to Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625–0036

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Sixty-day notice requesting comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard intends to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting an extension of its approval for the following collection of information: 1625–0036, Plan Approval and Records for U.S. and Foreign Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk; without change. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Before submitting this ICR to OIRA, the Coast Guard is inviting comments as described below.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2021–0741] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public participation and request for comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: COMMANDANT (CG–6P), ATTN: PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT MANAGER, U.S. COAST GUARD, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE, STOP 7710, WASHINGTON, DC 20593–7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.L. Craig, Office of Privacy Management, telephone 202–475–3528, or fax 202–372–8405, for questions on these documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

This notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information

(Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection’s purpose, the Collection’s likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection.

The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In response to your comments, we may revise this ICR or decide not to seek an extension of approval for the Collection. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR and the docket number of this request, [USCG–2021–0741], and must be received by December 6, 2021.

Submitting Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

Information Collection Request

Title: Plan Approval and Records for U.S. and Foreign Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 1625–0036.

Summary: This information collection aids the Coast Guard in determining if a vessel complies with certain safety and environmental protection standards. Plans, to include records, for construction or modification of U.S. or foreign vessels submitted and maintained on board are required for compliance with these standards.

Need: Title 46 U.S. Code 3703 provides the Coast Guard with the authority to regulate design, construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, equipping, personnel qualification, and manning of vessels carrying oil in bulk. See *e.g.*, 33 CFR part 157, Rules for the Protection of the Marine Environment Relating to Tank Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk, and 46 CFR Subchapter D, Tank Vessels.

Forms: None.

Respondents: Owners and operators of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Hour Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 2,109 hours to 2,497 hours a year, due to an increase in the estimated number of respondents.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

Kathleen Claffie,

Chief, Office of Privacy Management, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6222–N–02]

Appointments to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee; Solicitation of Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Announcement of new members of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee and notice of the solicitation of nominations for appointment to the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the members of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) that were appointed or reappointed by

the Secretary on September 14, 2021.

This notice also invites nominations for appointments to fill four additional vacancies on the HCFAC.

DATES: All Nominations must be received no later than November 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be in writing using form HUD–90005 (Application for Membership on the HCFAC, OMB Approval Number: 2502–0606) and submitted via electronically to HCFAC.application@hud.gov. Individuals who do not have internet access may submit nominations to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, HUD, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9224, Washington DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia F. Holman, Housing Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Housing Counseling, Office of Outreach and Capacity Building, Virginia.F.Holman@hud.gov, telephone number 540–894–7790. (This is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339 (This is a toll-free number). Individuals with questions may also email HCFAC.application@hud.gov and in the subject line write “HCFAC application question.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

The HCFAC is congressionally mandated to provide advice to the Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) (42 U.S.C. 3533(g)(4)). The HCFAC provides the OHC valuable advice regarding its mission to provide individuals and families with the knowledge they need to obtain, sustain, and improve their housing through a strong national network of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and HUD-certified counselors. The HCFAC, however, does not have any role in reviewing or awarding of OHC housing counseling grants and procurement contracts. The HCFAC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Presidential Memorandum “Final Guidance on Appointments of Lobbyists to Federal Boards and Commissions,” dated June 18, 2010, along with any relevant guidance published in the **Federal Register** or otherwise issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).¹

Pursuant to section 3533(g)(4)(B), the HCFAC shall consist of not more than

12 individuals appointed by the Secretary. The membership will equally represent the mortgage industry, the real estate industry, consumers and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Each member shall be appointed in his or her individual capacity for a term of up to 3 years.

II. HCFAC Members

On September 14, 2021, the following members were appointed to the HCFAC for a 3-year term:

Ibijoke Akinbowale, Director, National Community Reinvestment Coalition Housing Counseling Network
Lawrence Batiste, President, Batiste Premier Realty
Carol Ann Dujanovich, Vice President and Director of Operations, 1st Nations Reverse Mortgage
Marcia Lewis, Deputy Executive Director—Change Management, Indianapolis Housing Authority
Bill Sevilla, Director, Community Development and Asset Building, Centro Campesino; and
Tony Walters, Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council

On September 14, 2021, the following members were reappointed to the HCFAC for a 3-year term:

Patricia Arvielo, President and Co-Founder, New American Funding; and Paul Yorkis, President, Patriot Real Estate

III. Nominations for the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

HUD is seeking additional nominations for membership on the HCFAC. Nominees shall have experience representative of at least one of the 4 categories—the mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers, and HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Nominations may be made by agency officials, members of Congress, the general public, professional organizations, and self-nominations. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and cannot be U.S. Government employees.

All appointed nominees will be serving on the HCFAC in their individual capacity and not in a representative capacity, therefore, no Federally-registered lobbyists may serve on the HCFAC.² Individual capacity, as clarified by OMB, refers to individuals

² See 79 FR 4782 (“Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions”) (clarifying that federally registered lobbyists may not serve on advisory committee, board, or Commission in an “individual capacity.”)

¹ See 5 U.S.C. appendix; 79 FR 47482.