

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6118, Claim for Refund of Income Tax Return Preparer Penalties.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 3, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or at (737) 800-6149 or through the internet, at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Claim for Refund of Income Tax Return Preparer Penalties.

OMB Number: 1545-0240.

Form Number: Form 6118.

Abstract: Form 6118 is used by tax return preparers to file for a refund of penalties incorrectly charged. The information enables the IRS to process the claim and have the refund issued to the tax return preparer.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour, 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,700.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 26, 2021.

Sara L. Covington,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: November 4, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Eastern time.

PLACE: This meeting will be accessible via conference call and screen sharing. Any interested person may call 877-853-5247 (US toll free), 888-788-0099 (US toll free), +1 929-205-6099 (US toll), or +1 669-900-6833 (US toll), Conference ID 958 0140 0508, to participate in the meeting. The website to participate via Zoom meeting and screen share is <https://kellen.zoom.us/j/95801400508>.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the "Board") will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement. The subject matter of the meeting will include:

Agenda

I. Welcome and Call to Order—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Board, confirm the presence of a quorum, and facilitate self-introductions.

II. Verification of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email followed by subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

III. Review and Approval of Board Agenda—UCR Board Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

The proposed Agenda will be reviewed, and the Board will consider adoption.

Ground Rules

➤ Board actions taken only in designated areas on agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes of the September 23, 2021 UCR Board Meeting—UCR Board Chair

For Discussion and Possible Action

Draft Minutes of the September 23, 2021 UCR Board meeting will be reviewed. The Board will consider action to approve.

V. Report of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)—FMCSA Representative

The FMCSA will provide a report on any relevant activity.

VI. Updates Concerning UCR Legislation—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will call for updates regarding UCR legislation since the last Board meeting.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

Audit Subcommittee—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

A. Proposal to Select New Independent Auditing Firm of the UCR Depository—UCR Executive Director and UCR Depository Manager.

For Discussion and Possible Board Action

The UCR Executive Director and the UCR Depository Manager will present a proposal to the Board for consideration to initiate a request for proposal (RFP) to identify and engage a new independent auditing firm to conduct an assurance engagement of the UCR Depository's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021. It is a widespread practice to rotate auditing firms every four years to ensure proper integrity of the audit process. The current firm has now provided these audit services for the past four years from 2017–2020. The UCR Audit Subcommittee recommends to the Board

that it proceeds with an RFP process to engage a new auditing firm for the financial statements ending December 31, 2021. The Board may take action to approve the issuance of an RFP to engage a new auditing firm for an audit of the UCR Depository.

B. Proposal to Adopt Written Internal Control Policies and Procedures for the UCR Depository—UCR Executive Director and UCR Depository Manager.

For Discussion and Possible Board Action

The UCR Executive Director and the UCR Depository Manager will lead a review of the draft of written internal control policies and procedures entitled, “Accounting Guidelines” intended for implementation by the Depository. The UCR Audit Subcommittee recommends to the Board that it adopts the written internal control policies and procedures. The Board may take action to adopt written internal control policies and procedures.

C. Support States to Improve Registration Compliance—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair and DSL Transportation, Inc. (DSL).

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair and DSL will lead a discussion regarding methods to help participating states improve registration compliance (percentages). Suggested methods include educating various constituents such as state registration offices, state motor carrier association offices, state highway patrols, etc. New entrant audits are an additional suggestion. The UCR Audit Subcommittee recommends a process to document “best practices”, develop guidelines for process improvements and a checklist to improve registration compliance percentages.

D. UCR Compliance Snapshot—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair.

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair will review the latest numbers and statistics pertaining to states’ compliance with Board mandated registration and audit percentages.

Finance Subcommittee—UCR Finance Subcommittee Chair

A. Maturing of Certificate of Deposit (CD)—UCR Depository Manager.

For Discussion and Possible Board Action

The UCR Depository Manager will provide an update on the CD that will mature on November 12, 2021. The Board may take action to reinvest the proceeds.

B. Update on Draft of Calendar Year 2022 Budget—UCR Depository Manager.

The UCR Depository Manager will provide an update on the continued development of the 2022 operating budget. The budget will be presented to the UCR Board at the December 16, 2021 Board meeting for the Board’s consideration and adoption.

Education and Training Subcommittee—UCR Education and Training Subcommittee Chair

A. Update on Future Training Initiatives—UCR Education and Training Subcommittee Chair.

The UCR Education and Training Subcommittee Chair will provide an update on the planned future training initiatives for the UCR Plan.

VIII. Contractor Reports—UCR Executive Director

- *UCR Executive Director’s Report*

The UCR Executive Director will provide a report covering recent activity for the UCR Plan.

- *DSL Transportation Services, Inc.*

DSL Transportation Services, Inc. will report on the latest data from the Focused Anomaly Reviews (FARs) program, discuss motor carrier inspection results, and other matters.

- *Seikosoftware*

Seikosoftware will provide an update on recent/new activity related to the National Registration System.

- *UCR Administrator Report (Kellen)*—UCR Operations Director and UCR Depository Manager

The UCR staff will provide a management report covering recent activity for the Depository, Operations, and Communications.

IX. Other Business—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will call for any other items Board members would like to discuss.

X. Adjournment—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will adjourn the meeting.

This agenda will be available no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, October 28, 2021 at: <https://plan.ucr.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0501]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance Inquiry

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: 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. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0501.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0501” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance Inquiry (VA Form 29-0543).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0501.

Type of Review: Revision of a

previously approved collection.

Abstract: The Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance Inquiry solicits information needed from Veterans for the proper maintenance of Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance accounts. The form is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2106 and 38CFR 8a.3(e).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 46096 on August 17, 2021, pages 46096 and 46097.