

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–XXX]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Statement of a Person Claiming Loan Fee Refund Due a Deceased Veteran, Service Member, or Surviving Spouse**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 May 16, 2022.**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont AvenueNW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–XXX” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.**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–XXX” in any correspondence.**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. 3729(c).*Title:* Statement of a Person Claiming Loan Fee Refund Due a Deceased Veteran, Service Member, or Surviving Spouse, VA FORM 26–10280 and VA FORM 26–10280a.*OMB Control Number:* 2900–XXX.*Type of Review:* New Collection.*Abstract:* This information will be used by VA to determine whether a refund owed to a Veteran may be remitted to another individual, including the Veteran’s spouse, the executor or administrator of the Veteran’s estate, or another individual with a relationship to the Veteran. The information collected is necessary for VA to ensure that it is releasing the refund to an appropriate individual who will disburse the refund according to the laws of the state where the Veteran was a legal resident (*e.g.*, estate laws).*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250 hours.*Estimated Average Burden Per**Respondent:* 15 minutes.*Frequency of Response:* One-time.*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

By direction of the Secretary:

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