

cycles, Treasury has developed a form for its reallocation portal to collect information needed to confirm that a requesting eligible grantee is entitled to prioritization based on its non-ERA expenditures.

In addition to the above-described reallocation process, some grantees choose to voluntarily reallocate a portion of their ERA2 allocations to one or more eligible grantees. To that end, Treasury has also developed, within its reallocation portal, a standard form that grantees use to initiate voluntary reallocation. In accordance with statutory requirements, a grantee may transfer up to 60% of its initial ERA2 allocation.

OMB approved the usage of these various reallocation forms on June 16, 2022. Since then, Treasury has made *de minimis* changes accounting for the passage of time and other program developments, none of which substantively alter the forms.

Accordingly, the collection of the above-described information is crucial to the reallocation process, which is a central component of the ERA2 program.

**Forms:** Request for Voluntary Reallocation; Request for Reallocated Funds; Request for Reallocated Funds—Voluntary; Non-ERA Expenditures Report.

**Affected Public:** States, Territories and local governments who received ERA2 awards.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 482.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:** 982.

**Estimated Time per Response:** Varies from 10–60 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 524.4 hours.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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 technology; and (e) estimates of

capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0745]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Certificate of Veteran Status

**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 December 30, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0745, 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), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0745” 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:** Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

**Title:** Request for Certificate of Veteran Status, VA form 26–8261a.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0745.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 26–8261a is used by VA to determine an applicant's eligibility for a possible reduced down payment when obtaining a loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), under the provisions of section 203(b)(2) or 220(d)(a) of the National Housing Act as amended. FHA actually provides the benefit. However, VA is charged with determining if the veteran-applicant meets the basic eligibility requirements regarding length and character of service. If eligibility is established, VA issues the applicant a Certificate of Veterans Status that is then used when the borrower obtains an FHA insured loan. This certificate gives the borrower the possibility of a reduced down payment on an FHA backed loan.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 4 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25.

By direction of the Secretary.

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