

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12181]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Exigent/Special Family Circumstances for Issuance of a U.S. Passport to a Child Under Age 16**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to December 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2023-0029" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form. Email and regular mail options have been suspended to centralize receiving and addressing all comments in a timely manner.

- *Email:* Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Exigent/Special Family Circumstances for Issuance of a U.S. Passport to a Child under Age 16.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0216.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services (CA/PPT).
- *Form Number:* DS-5525.
- *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 28,933.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 28,933.
- *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 14,467 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information collected on the DS-5525, Statement of Exigent/Special Family Circumstances for Issuance of a U.S. Passport to a Child under Age 16, is used in conjunction with the DS-11, Application for a U.S. Passport. The DS-5525 can serve as the statement describing exigent or special family circumstances, which is required if written consent of the non-applying parent or guardian cannot be obtained when the passport application is executed for a child under age 16.

Methodology

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the DS-5525, Statement of Exigent/Special Family Circumstances for Issuance of a U.S. Passport to a Child under Age 16. Passport applicants can either download the DS-5525 from the internet or obtain the form from an acceptance facility/passport agency. The form must be completed, signed, and submitted along with the applicant's DS-11, Application for a U.S. Passport.

Kevin E. Bryant,

Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, U.S. Department of State.
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[Public Notice: 12199]

60 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Medical Clearance Update**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to December 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2023-0032" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* Monnajl@state.gov.
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Medical Director, Office of Medical Clearances, Bureau of Medical Services, 2401 E Street NW, SA-1, Room H-242, Washington, DC 20522-0101.

- *Fax:* 202-647-0292, Attention: Medical Clearance Director.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument, and supporting documents, to Jennifer Monna who may be reached at 202-663-1657 or at Monnajl@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Medical Clearance Update.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0131.
- *Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a discontinued collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Medical Services: MED/CP/CL.
- *Form Number:* DS-3057.
- *Respondents:* Contractors and eligible family members.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,782.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,782.
- *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 4,391 hours.
- *Frequency:* As needed.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Form DS-3057 is designed to collect medical information to provide medical providers with current and adequate information to base decisions on whether contractors and eligible family members will have sufficient medical resources at a diplomatic mission abroad to maintain the health and fitness of the individual and family members.

Methodology

The respondent will obtain the DS-3057 form from their human resources representative or download the form from a department website. The respondent will complete and submit the form offline.

Jennifer L. Monna,

Director of Medical Clearances, Bureau of Medical Clearances, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12182]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation)

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to November 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Under the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520) Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Department of State is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

Whether seeking a loan, Social Security benefits, veteran’s benefits, or other services provided by the Federal Government, individuals and businesses expect Government customer services to be efficient and intuitive, just like services from leading private-sector

organizations. Yet the 2016 American Consumer Satisfaction Index and the 2017 Forrester Federal Customer Experience Index show that, on average, Government services lag nine percentage points behind the private sector.

A modern, streamlined and responsive customer experience means: raising government-wide customer experience to the average of the private sector service industry; developing indicators for high-impact Federal programs to monitor progress towards excellent customer experience and mature digital services; and providing the structure (including increasing transparency) and resources to ensure customer experience is a focal point for agency leadership. To support this, OMB Circular A-11 Section 280 established government-wide standards for mature customer experience organizations in government and measurement. To enable Federal programs to deliver the experience taxpayers deserve, they must undertake three general categories of activities: conduct ongoing customer research, gather and share customer feedback, and test services and digital products.

These data collection efforts may be either qualitative or quantitative in nature or may consist of mixed methods. Additionally, data may be collected via a variety of means, including but not limited to electronic or social media, direct or indirect observation (*i.e.*, in person, video and audio collections), interviews, questionnaires, surveys, and focus groups. The Department of State will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. Steps will be taken to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered by this request.

The results of the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of Federal services and programs. It will include the creation of personas, customer journey maps, and reports and summaries of customer feedback data and user insights. It will also provide government-wide data on customer experience that can be displayed on performance.gov to help build transparency and accountability of Federal programs to the customers they serve.

Method of Collection

The Department of State will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, technical discussions, and in-person interviews. The Department of State may also utilize observational techniques to collect this information.