

Request and Preparer Explanation for Not Filing Electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the forms should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Preparer Hardship Waiver Request and Preparer Explanation for Not Filing Electronically.

OMB Number: 1545-2200.

Form Number(s): 8944 and 8948.

Abstract: A tax preparer uses Form 8944 to request a waiver from the requirement to file tax returns on magnetic media when the filing of tax returns on magnetic media would cause a hardship. A specified tax return preparer uses Form 8948 to explain which exception applies when a covered return is prepared and filed on paper.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the forms or burden at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form 8944

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 90,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 719,100 hours.

Form 8948

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 740,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 160 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,473,595 hours.

Total Burden Estimates

Estimated Total Respondents: 830,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,192,695 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all 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 if 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: February 7, 2024.

Kerry L. Dennis,

Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, Notice of Meeting, Amended

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., Ch. 10., that the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will hold a meeting virtually. The meeting will begin, and end as follows:

Date	Time	Open session
March 5, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).	Yes.

The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the provision by VA of benefits and services to assist Veterans in the readjustment to civilian

life. In carrying out this duty, the Committee shall take into account the needs of Veterans who served in combat theaters of operation. The Committee assembles, reviews, and assesses information relating to the needs of Veterans readjusting to civilian life and the effectiveness of VA services in assisting Veterans in that readjustment.

The Committee, comprised of 14 subject matter experts, advises the Secretary, through the VA Readjustment Counseling Service, on the provision by VA of benefits and services to assist Veterans in the readjustment to civilian life. In carrying out this duty, the Committee assembles, reviews, and assesses information relating to the needs of Veterans readjusting to civilian life and the effectiveness of VA services in assisting Veterans in that readjustment, specifically taking into account the needs of Veterans who served in combat theaters of operation.

On March 7, 2024, the agenda will include review of the 24th report, a calendar forecast and discussion over subject matter experts to consider presenting at the next full Committee meeting. The Committee will meet from 2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. EST, for public members wishing to provide oral comments or join the meeting, please use the following Microsoft Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTgxZGM5OGQyYjJhZi00ZGRlLtk3MjgtZTYzZTQ2YzEzZWew%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%228aa84165-5b4e-40e7-8e32-63a80c0bd33a%22%7d.

The Committee will also accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda or other issues regarding the readjustment of Veterans. Parties should contact Mr. Richard Barbato via email at VHARCSStratAnalysis@va.gov, or by mail at Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service (10RCS), 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Barbato at the phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: February 9, 2024.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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