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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2024-0023]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for reinstatement of an existing information collection that is summarized below under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by May 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0023 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jazmyne Lewis, (202) 366-2826, Office of Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Control: 2125-0628.

Background: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results. Below we provide FHWA's projected average estimates for the next three years:

Respondents: State and local governments, highway industry organizations, and the general public.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The burden hours per response will vary with each survey;

however, we estimate an average burden of 15 minutes for each survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: We estimate that FHWA will survey approximately 16,000 respondents annually during the next 3 years. Therefore, the estimated total annual burden is 4,000 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2023-0002-N-48]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On December 26, 2023, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR. FRA received no comments in response to the notice.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find the particular ICR by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: arlette.mussington@dot.gov or telephone: (571) 609–1285; or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On December 26, 2023, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. See 88 FR 89017. FRA has received no comments related to the proposed collection of information.

Before OMB decides whether to approve this proposed collection of information, it must provide 30 days’ notice for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a

decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

Comments are invited on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0533.

Abstract: Section 4 of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 1988 (RSIA), Public Law 100–342, 102 Stat. 624 (June 22, 1988), later amended and re-codified by Public Law 103–272, 108 Stat. 874 (July 5, 1994), required FRA to issue regulations to establish any necessary program for certifying or licensing locomotive engineers. The collection of information is used by FRA to ensure that railroads employ and properly train qualified individuals as locomotive engineers and designated supervisors of locomotive engineers (DSLEs).

The collection of information is used by FRA to verify that railroads have established required certification programs for locomotive engineers and

that these programs fully conform to the standards specified in the regulation.

On December 26, 2023, FRA published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice that reflected 23,969 total burden hours and 224,652 responses. See 88 FR 89017. Upon further evaluation, FRA has determined that 49 CFR 240.119(e)(3)(iii) does not identify any additional paperwork burden and only specifies the potential length of ineligibility when a person has been had their certification revoked. Additionally, FRA has removed the following sections as they were being counted twice: § 240.111, because the written responses for this requirement are already included under § 240.219; § 240.119(e)(3)(ii), because these notifications are already included under § 240.119(c); § 240.121, because medical examiner reports are already included under section § 240.207 (medical certificates); § 240.101, because material modifications are already included under § 240.103(h); and § 240.205, because data to an EAP counselor is already included under § 240.115 (prior safety data criteria).

For additional clarity, FRA is including the updated burden table for publication with this 30-day **Federal Register** notice.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses (railroads).

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 784 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 224,023.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 23,851 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$2,362,843.

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (C = A * B)	Wage rate	Total cost equivalent U.S.D (D = C * wage rates)
240.9—Waivers	784 railroads	2 waiver petitions	1 hour	2.00	\$85.93	\$171.86
240.101—Written certification program: new railroads.	5 new railroads	5 written programs	1 hour	5.00	85.93	429.65
240.103—Approval of design of individual railroad programs by FRA.	5 new railroads	5 program submissions	1 hour	5.00	85.93	429.65
—(b)(1)—RR provides a copy of a certification program submission or resubmission to the president of the labor organization representing employees simultaneously with filing with FRA.	62 railroads	62 copies	5 minutes	5.17	85.93	444.26
—(b)(2)—RR affirmative statement that it has served certification program copy to the president of the labor organization representing employees’ labor unions.	62 railroads	62 copies	5 minutes	5.17	85.93	444.26
—(c)—RR employee comment on submission, resubmission or material modification of RR certification program.	62 railroads	62 comments	8 hours	496.00	85.93	42,621.28

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (C = A * B)	Wage rate	Total cost equivalent U.S.D (D = C * wage rates)
—(h)—RR material modifications to program after initial FRA approval (formerly under (e)).	784 railroads	10 modified programs	10 minutes	1.67	85.93	143.50
240.105(c)—Written reports/determinations of DSLE performance skills.	784 railroads	10 written reports	30 minutes	5.00	123.41	617.05
240.109—Prior safety conduct data	17,667 candidates	25 responses	5 minutes	2.08	63.07	131.19
240.111—Driver's license data requests from chief of driver licensing agency of any jurisdiction, including foreign countries.	17,667 candidates	17,667 requests	10 minutes	2,944.50	85.93	253,020.89
—NDR match—notifications and requests for data.	784 railroads	177 notices, +177 requests.	5 + 5 minutes	29.50	85.93 63.07	2,197.75
240.111(g)—Notice to RR of absence of license ...	53,000 candidates	4 letters	5 minutes	0.33	63.07	20.81
240.111(h)—Duty to furnish data within 48 hours of being convicted or final State action on prior safety conduct as a motor vehicle driver's license operator.	784 railroads	100 communications ...	5 minutes	8.33	63.07	525.37
240.113—Notice to RR furnishing data on prior safety conduct—different RR.	17,667 candidates	353 requests, +353 responses.	5 + 5 minutes	58.84	85.93 63.07	4,383.58
240.115 (c) and (d)—RR temporary certification or recertification of locomotive engineer for 60 days after having requested the motor vehicle information specified in paragraph (h) of this section.	784 railroads	25 recertifications	5 minutes	2.08	85.93	178.73
(i)(2)—RR drug and alcohol counselor's request of employee's record of prior counseling or treatment.	17,667 candidates	400 requests	5 minutes	33.33	63.07	2,102.12
(i)(3)—Conditional certification based on recommendation by DAC of employee aftercare and/or follow-up testing for alcohol/drugs when person evaluated as not currently affected by an active substance abuse disorder.	17,667 candidates	100 conditional certifications /DAC recommendations.	1 hour	100.00	63.07	6,307.00
(i)(4)—RR employee is evaluated by DAC as having an active substance abuse disorder.	17,667 candidates	100 DAC evaluations ..	1 hour	100.00	63.07	6,307.00
240.117(i)(4)—Early grant or reinstatement of certificate that has been denied/revoked; records.	53,000 locomotive engineers.	400 trained/retrained records.	5 minutes	33.33	63.07	2,102.12
240.119(c)—Written records indicating dates that the engineer stopped performing or returned to certification service + compliance/observation test.	784 railroads	400 records	5 minutes	33.33	63.07	2,102.12
240.119(d)(3)—Self-referral to EAP re: active substance abuse disorder.	53,000 locomotive engineers.	150 self-referrals	5 minutes	12.50	63.07	788.38
240.119(e)(3)(i)—RR determination that prior alcohol/drug conduct requires a written determination that a period of ineligibility applies.	The burden for this requirement is covered under 240.119(c).					
240.121(e)—Criteria—vision/hearing acuity data—new railroads.	5 new railroads	5 copies	5 minutes	0.42	85.93	36.09
—(f)—Criteria—vision/hearing acuity data—not meeting standards—notice by employee.	784 railroads	10 notifications	5 minutes	0.83	63.07	52.56
240.129(b)—RR records engineer's service if stopped performing service before both an operational monitoring observation and an unannounced compliance test are completed in a calendar year.	53,000 locomotive engineers.	1,000 records	5 minutes	83.33	85.93	7,160.55
240.201/221—List of DSLEs	784 railroads	784 lists	5 minutes	65.33	85.93	5,613.81
—List of Qualified Locomotive Engineers	784 railroads	784 updated lists	5 minutes	65.33	85.93	5,613.81
240.201/223/301—Locomotive engineer's certificate.	53,000 candidates	17,667 certificates	5 minutes	1,472.25	85.93	126,510.44
240.207—Medical certificate showing hearing/vision standards are met:	53,000 candidates	17,667 certificates	30 minutes	8,833.50	123.41	1,090,142.24
—Written determinations allowing person to meet lower threshold or person no longer needs to use corrective device such as glasses or hearing aids.	784 railroads	30 determinations	5 minutes	2.50	123.41	308.53
240.209/213—Written documentation of knowledge tests of RR rules and practices.	53,000 candidates	17,667 testing records retained.	1 minute	294.45	85.93	25,302.09
240.211/213—Written documentation of performance skills test.	53,000 candidates	17,667 testing records retained.	1 minute	294.45	85.93	25,302.09
240.215—Retaining info. supporting determination	784 railroads	17,667 records	5 minutes	1,472.25	85.93	126,510.44
240.219(a)—RR notification letter to employee of certification denial + employee written rebuttal.	17,667 candidates	90 letters and responses.	30 minutes	45.00	85.93	3,866.85
—RR denial decision	784 railroads	45 documents/records	2 minutes	1.50	85.93	128.90
240.229(3)(ii)—Joint operations—notice—not qualified.	321 railroads	184 employee calls	5 minutes	15.33	63.07	966.86
240.301(b)—Temporary replacement certificates valid for no more than 30 days.	784 railroads	600 replacement certificates.	30 minutes	300.00	85.93	25,779.00
240.303—Annual operational monitoring observation.	53,000 candidates	53,000 testing records retained.	1 minute	883.33	85.93	75,904.83

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240.303—Annual unannounced operating rules compliance test.	53,000 candidates	53,000 testing records retained.	1 minute	883.33	85.93	75,904.83
240.305(c)—Engineer’s notice of non-qualification to RR.	53,000 engineers or candidates.	100 notifications	5 minutes	8.33	63.07	525.37
—(d)—Relaying certification denial or revocation status to other certifying railroad.	1,060 engineers	2 letters	15 minutes	0.50	63.07	31.54
240.307(a–b)—Revocation of certification—notice to engineer of disqualification.	784 railroads	550 + 550 letters	1 + 1 hour	1,100.0	85.93	81,950.00
—(b)(4)—RR provision to employee of copy of written information and list of witnesses that it will present at hearing.	784 railroads	690 copies/list	5 minutes	57.50	85.93	4,940.98
—(b)(5)—RR determination on hearing record whether person no longer meets certification requirements of this part.	784 railroads	690 hearing determinations.	1 hour	690.00	85.93	59,291.70
—(b)(7)—RR creates/retains hearing records	784 railroads	690 hearings/records ..	4 hours	2,760.00	85.93	237,166.80
—(c)(11)(i)(ii)—RR written decision after close of hearing containing findings of fact and whether a revocable event occurred.	784 railroads	690 written decisions ..	30 minutes	345.00	85.93	29,645.85
—(c)(11)(iii)—RR service of written decision on employee and employee’s representative.	784 railroads	690 copies	5 minutes	57.50	85.93	4,940.98
—(f)—Waiver of right to hearing under this section.	784 railroads	750 written waivers	5 minutes	62.50	63.07	3,941.88
240.307(i)–(j)—RR decision not to revoke certification.	784 railroads	50 records of decision	10 minutes	8.33	85.93	715.80
240.309—Railroad oversight responsibilities—annual review.	55 railroads	55 reviews	3 hours	165.00	85.93	14,178.45
Total	784 railroads	224,023 responses	23,851	0.00	2,362,843

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

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