

protected by a variety of security devices. Unauthorized employees, contractors and other staff are not allowed in computer rooms. The Federal Protective Service or other security personnel provide physical security for the buildings housing computer rooms and data centers.

4. All materials containing real or scrambled Social Security numbers are kept only on secure, encrypted VHA servers, personal computers, laptops or media. All email transmissions of such files use Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) encryption. If a recipient does not have PKI, items are mailed or sent to a secure fax. Paper records containing Social Security numbers are secured in locked cabinets or offices within the OMI area. Access to OMI requires passing a security officer. All materials, both paper and electronic, that are no longer required are shredded/obliterated in accordance with VHA guidelines. Materials required for case documentation and follow up are archived in our secure document management server (electronic).

5. In most cases, copies of back-up computer files are maintained at off-site locations.

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking information on the existence and content of records in this system pertaining to them should contact the system manager in writing as indicated above or write or visit the VA facility location where they normally receive their care. A request for access to records must contain the requester's full name, address, telephone number, be signed by the requester, and describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable VA personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to contest or amend records in this system pertaining to them should contact the system manager in writing as indicated above. A request to contest or amend records must state clearly and concisely what record is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the record.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Generalized notice is provided by the publication of this notice. For specific notice, see Record Access Procedure, above.

#### EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

#### HISTORY:

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0079]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Employment Questionnaire

**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 revision 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 July 1, 2024.

**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. 2900-0079" 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. 2900-0079" 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. 501, 38 U.S.C. 5317, 38 CFR 3.362 and 3.343, 38 CFR 4.16.

**Title:** Employment Questionnaire (VA Form 21-4140).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0079.

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

**Abstract:** VA Forms 21-4140 is used to gather the necessary information to determine continued entitlement to individual unemployability. Recipients are required to certify, when requested, that the eligibility factors which established entitlement to the benefit being paid continue to exist. Individual unemployability is awarded based on a veteran's inability to be gainfully employed due to service-connected disabilities, and entitlement may be terminated if a veteran begins working. Without information about recipients' employment, VA would not be able to determine continued entitlement to individual unemployability, and overpayments would result. No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has increased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

**Affected Public:** Individual or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 285 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,422 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

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