

Parents Against Tired Truckers. In the joint comment, the organizations contended that CRST has never demonstrated that the exemption met the equivalent level of safety requirements under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(2) and therefore the exemption should never have been granted. The commenters also asserted that the exemption undermines the safety benefits provided by the direct supervision of a CDL holder and, moreover, that CRST's publicly available safety and inspection data "does not inspire confidence."

VI. Response to Public Comments and Agency Decision

The main premise of commenters opposing the exemption is that CLP holders lack experience and are safer drivers when directly observed by a CDL holder who is on duty and in the front seat of the vehicle. FMCSA notes, however, that CLP holders who have passed the CDL skills test have demonstrated their abilities to safely operate the CMV. The exemption therefore applies only to CRST drivers who have completed required entry-level driver training requirements, set forth in 49 CFR part 380, subpart F, and passed the CDL skills test. If these CLP holders had passed the skills test in their State of domicile, they could immediately obtain their CDL or temporary CDL and begin driving CMVs without any on-board supervision. Drivers who have passed the CDL skills test outside their State of domicile must obtain the physical CDL credential from their State of domicile. The exemption permits these individuals who are employed by CRST to work productively as team CMV drivers during the period between passing the skills test and receiving their CDL, without requiring the accompanying CDL holders to be on duty and in the front seat.

In response to the comment regarding CRST's safety record, the Agency believes that CRST's overall safety performance, as reflected in its "satisfactory" safety rating, will enable it to maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The specific basis for the Agency's conclusions on the safety equivalence of operations conducted under this exemption are set forth in FMCSA's

August 7, 2023, provisional renewal Notice, referenced above.

Sue Lawless,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments on Form 3115

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 15, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB Control Number 1545-2070 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Sara Covington, (202) 317-5744, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at sara.l.covington@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method.

OMB Number: 1545-2070.

Form Number: Form 3115.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 446(e) provides that a taxpaying entity that changes its method of accounting for computing taxable income must first secure the consent of the Secretary. The taxpayer uses Form 3115 to obtain this consent.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Estates, trusts, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: 183.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 99.99 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,298.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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 as long as 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: May 8, 2024.

Sara L. Covington,
IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0798]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: 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. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0798.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, (202) 266–4688, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0798” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (VA Form 10–3542 and BTSSS).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0798.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 111 and 38 CFR part 70, subpart A, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Beneficiary Travel (BT) Program provides payments for authorized travel expenses to help Veterans and other beneficiaries obtain care or services from VHA or VA-authorized providers in the community. VHA must administer payments according to statutory mandates, including the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) (Pub. L. 116–117). In compliance with the PIIA and other program requirements, VHA must gather certain information to determine whether BT eligibility and other criteria for approval have been met, and the amount of payment or reimbursement that is authorized under the BT program.

Claimants may include Veterans and other BT beneficiaries, as well as entities or individuals who provided or paid for travel. Claimants may apply for BT orally or in writing through VA Form 10–3542 or the Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS). This standard collection of information is

necessary to enable VHA to provide this benefit and appropriately ensure that funds are being paid to the correct claimant.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 15928, March 5, 2024.

Total Annual Burden: 1,216,667 hours.

Total Annual Responses: 7,300,000.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,216,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Average of 5 times per year.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,460,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Request for Information on the Department of Veterans Affairs Nuclear Medicine Technologist Standard of Practice

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is requesting information to assist in developing a national standard of practice for VA Nuclear Medicine Technologists. VA seeks comments on various topics to help inform VA’s development of this national standard of practice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at <https://www.regulations.gov/> for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on the following

website as soon as possible after they have been received: <https://www.regulations.gov/>. VA will not post on <https://www.regulations.gov/> public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm the individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period’s closing date will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ethan Kalett, Office of Regulations, Appeals and Policy (10BRAP), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202–461–0500. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Chapters 73 and 74 of 38 U.S.C. and 38 U.S.C. 303 authorize the Secretary to regulate VA health care professions to make certain that VA’s health care system provides safe and effective health care by qualified health care professionals to ensure the well-being of those Veterans who have borne the battle.

On November 12, 2020, VA published an interim final rule confirming that VA health care professionals may practice their health care profession consistent with the scope and requirements of their VA employment, notwithstanding any State license, registration, certification, or other State requirements that unduly interfere with their practice. 38 CFR 17.419; 85 FR 71838. Specifically, this rulemaking confirmed VA’s current practice of allowing VA health care professionals to deliver health care services in a State other than the health care professional’s State of licensure, registration, certification, or other State requirement, thereby enhancing beneficiaries’ access to critical VA health care services. The rulemaking also confirmed VA’s authority to establish national standards of practice for its health care professionals, which would standardize a health care professional’s practice in all VA medical facilities, regardless of conflicting State laws, rules, regulations, or other State requirements.

The rulemaking explained that a national standard of practice describes the tasks and duties that a VA health care professional practicing in the health care profession may perform and may be permitted to undertake. Having