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For this 30-day notice, the non-hourly cost burdens have been adjusted, for an overall increase of \$27, due to an increase in the postage rate since the 60-day notice was published. Additionally, in response to public comments, the USPTO has added an additional 10 minutes to this information collection burden estimate.

*Forms:* (AIA= America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book)

- PTO–1594 (Recordation Form Cover Sheet—Trademarks Only)
- PTO–1595 (Recordation Form Cover Sheet—Patents Only)

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual*

*Respondents:* 724,442 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual*

*Responses:* 724,442 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 40 minutes (0.67 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 485,376 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$9,148,330.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651–0027.

Further information can be obtained by:

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/pto1594.pdf> and <https://www.uspto.gov/forms/pto1595.pdf>, respectively.

• *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0027 information request” in the subject line of the message.

• *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

**Justin Isaac,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–C–2024–0046]

### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI or Medal) is the nation’s highest honor for technological achievement, bestowed by the President of the United States on the nation’s leading innovators. The Medal is awarded to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies, or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to America’s economic, environmental, and social well-being. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in a closed session on September 26, 2024. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the relative merits of the people, teams, and companies nominated for the NMTI.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on September 26, 2024, at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Hosler, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, USPTO, at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314; 571–272–8514; or [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, chartered to the

<sup>1</sup> <https://assignmentcenter.uspto.gov>.

United States Department of Commerce, will meet at the USPTO campus in Alexandria, Virginia, on September 26, 2024.

Through a September 26, 2023, Delegation of Authority from the Secretary of Commerce to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Director), the Director is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee evaluates the nominations received via public solicitation and makes its recommendations for the Medal to the Director. Committee members are distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business, and patent law. They come from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the FACA. The Committee meeting will be closed to the public, in accordance with the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B), because the discussion of the relative merits of the Medal nominations is likely to disclose information of a personal nature that, if shared widely, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the nominees. Premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations would also likely significantly frustrate the implementation of the Medal program. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(a)(6), you may submit written comments to the Committee. Please contact Linda Hosler at [linda.hosler@uspto.gov](mailto:linda.hosler@uspto.gov) or by mail at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please provide your name, email, and phone number so USPTO staff can provide instructions on how to submit your written comments.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, formally determined on August 22, 2024, pursuant to section 1009(d) of the FACA, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to the closure of this meeting, copies of any meeting minutes will not be available. A copy of the Notice of Determination for Closure of

Meeting is available for public inspection at the USPTO.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Federal Need Analysis Methodology for the 2025-26 Award Year—Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, and TEACH Grant Programs**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the annual updates to the tables used in the statutory Federal Need Analysis Methodology (Need Analysis) that determines a student's Student Aid Index (SAI) for award year (AY) 2025-26 for student financial aid programs, Assistance Listing Numbers (ALN) 84.007, 84.033, 84.063, 84.268, and 84.379. The intent of this notice is to alert the financial aid community and the broader public to these required annual updates used in the determination of student aid eligibility.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Hall Lewis. Telephone: (202) 453-6519. Email: [heather.hallewis@ed.gov](mailto:heather.hallewis@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), specifies the criteria, data elements, calculations, and tables that make up the Need Analysis.

Enacted into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Division FF, Title VII (116 Pub. L. 260), the FAFSA Simplification Act makes many significant changes to the Need Analysis, including how the Secretary must update the tables.

Section 478 of the HEA requires the Secretary to annually update the following five tables for inflation: the Income Protection Allowance (IPA), the Adjusted Net Worth (NW) of a Business or Farm, the Asset Protection Allowance, the Assessment Schedules and Rates, and the Employment Expense Allowance. The updates are based, in general, upon increases in

items such as, but not limited to, the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The Secretary updates the above tables to account for inflation that took place between April 2020 and April in the year prior to the beginning of each award year. The increases in the tables must be based on a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for April of the applicable year.

This notice includes the 2025-26 AY values for the tables in sections 1 (Income Protection Allowance), 2 (Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm), 3 (Asset Protection Allowance), 4 (Assessment Schedules and Rates), and 5 (Employment Expense Allowance).

1. Income Protection Allowance (IPA). This allowance is the amount of living expenses associated with the maintenance of an individual or family that offset the family's income. The allowance varies by family size and marital status. The IPA for dependent students is \$11,510. The IPAs for parents of dependent students and independent students are listed in the tables below.

**PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS**

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
2 .....	\$28,530
3 .....	35,510
4 .....	43,870
5 .....	51,750
6 .....	60,540
For each additional family member add \$6,840.	

**MARRIED INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE**

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
3 .....	\$56,430
4 .....	69,670
5 .....	82,220
6 .....	96,150
For each additional family member add \$10,860.	

**SINGLE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE**

Family size	Income Protection Allowance
2 .....	\$53,710
3 .....	66,880
4 .....	82,570
5 .....	97,440
6 .....	113,950
For each additional family member add \$12,880.	