

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The UCFE law (5 U.S.C. 8501, *et seq.*) requires state workforce agencies to administer the UCFE program in accordance with the same terms and provisions of the paying state's unemployment insurance law, which apply to unemployed claimants who worked in the private sector. Each state agency must be able to obtain certain information (wage, separation data) about each claimant filing claims for UCFE benefits to enable them to determine his/her eligibility for benefits. The Department of Labor (DOL) has prescribed forms to enable the state agencies to obtain this necessary information from the individual's Federal employing agency. Each of these forms is essential to the UCFE claims process and the frequency of use varies depending upon the circumstances involved. These are model forms which states may customize as needed to collect the necessary information required to operate the UCFE program. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2024 (89 FR 53653).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Handbook 391.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0179.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 565.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 72,117.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 5,410 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$1,989.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Authorization for Release of Medical Information for Black Lung Benefits

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before January 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: 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.

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(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OWCP Form CM-936 is used to obtain the black lung claimant's authorization for the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation to request medical evidence in support of the black lung claim. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2024 (89 FR 72900).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-OWCP.

Title of Collection: Authorization for Release of Medical Information for Black Lung Benefits.

OMB Control Number: 1240-0034.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,990.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 5,990.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 1,995 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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