

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 25, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Wage and Investment Taxpayer Prefiling and Filing Burden Study.

OMB Number: To be assigned later.

Abstract: This study is designed to collect the amount of time and money incurred by Wage and Investment taxpayers as a result of the Federal income tax laws and regulations. This information will be a valuable tool in the IRS's ongoing effort to improve customer service, as well as for policy makers to understand the full effect of tax law changes. In particular, it will help the IRS understand the burdens placed on its customers by the Federal tax system its laws, its administration, and changes to those factors. Also, the data collected from this study will be used as an input to the development of a micro-simulation model that measures taxpayer burden.

Current Actions: This is a new collection of information.

Type of Review: New OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,300.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes (for completed interviews).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,230.

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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: December 20, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099-LTC

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099-LTC, Long-term Care and Accelerated Death Benefits.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Long-Term Care and Accelerated Death Benefits.

OMB Number: 1545-1519.

Form Number: 1099-LTC.

Abstract: Under the terms of Internal Revenue Code sections 7702B and 101g, qualified long-term care and accelerated death benefits paid to chronically ill individuals are treated as amounts received for expenses incurred for medical care. Amounts received on a per diem basis in excess of \$175 per day are taxable. Code section 6050Q requires all such amounts to be reported.

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: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 71,590.

Estimated Time Per Response: 11 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,602.

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Request for Comments

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Approved: December 14, 1999.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[IA-74-93]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, IA-74-93, (TD 8623), Substantiation Requirement for Certain Contributions (§ 1.170A-13).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 25, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this regulation should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Substantiation Requirement for Certain Contributions.

OMB Number: 1545-1431.

Regulation Project Number: IA-74-93 (Final).

Abstract: These regulations provide that, for purposes of substantiation for certain charitable contributions, consideration does not include de minimis goods or services. It also provides guidance on how taxpayers may satisfy the substantiation requirement for contributions of \$250 or more.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 51,500.

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Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4029.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 4029, Application for Exemption From Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 25, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Exemption From Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits.

OMB Number: 1545-0064.

Form Number: 4029.

Abstract: Form 4029 is used by members of recognized religious groups to apply for exemption from social security and Medicare taxes under Internal Revenue Code sections 1402(g) and 3127. The information is used to approve or deny exemption from social security and Medicare taxes.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to Form 4029 at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a current OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,754.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hr., 4 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,017.

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