

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Locality Pay System for Nurses and Other Health Care Personnel, VA Form 10-0132.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0519.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 10-0132 is used to collect data to determine locality pay rates for registered nurses and nurse anesthetists at VA facilities. Rates of pay are established by VA medical facility Directors based on rates of compensation for corresponding positions in the local labor market. The law requires that where available, data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or other third party industry surveys will be used in determining the beginning rates of compensation. Without this information, VA cannot provide for a locality pay system to maintain competitive pay rates for the recruitment and retention of affected health care personnel.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,519 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,025.

Dated: March 28, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0086]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine a applicant's eligibility for loan guaranty benefits, and the amount of entitlement available.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0086" in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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.

*Title:* Request for a Certificate of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Benefits, VA Form 26-1880.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0086.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-1880 is used by an applicant to establish eligibility for loan guaranty benefits, request restoration of entitlement previously used, or request a duplicate Certificate of Eligibility due to the original being lost or stolen.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 110,625 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 442,500.

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**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0049]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information necessary to determine entitlement to compensation and pension benefits for a child between the ages of 18 and 23 attending school.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0075" in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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.

#### *Title*

a. Request for Approval of School Attendance, VA Form 21-674 and 21-674c.

b. School Attendance Report, VA Form 21-674b.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0049.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-674 and 21-674c are used to collect the necessary information to determine entitlement to compensation and pension benefits for a child between the ages of 18 and 23 attending school. VA Form 21-674b is used to confirm the school attendance of a child for whom VA compensation or pension benefits are being received.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 14,792 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 177,500.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0545]**

### **Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to report expenses incident to a monetary recovery for injury or death, which may be excluded from countable income.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0545" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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.

*Title:* Report of Medical, Legal, and Other Expenses Incident to Recovery for Injury or Death, VA Form 21-8416b.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0545.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-8416b is used to report expenses incident to a monetary recovery for injury or death by a beneficiary of one of VA's income-based benefit programs. The information collected is used to determine the correct rate of VA benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 7,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]**

### **Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed in reviewing credentials of a licensed independent provider to deliver health care to VA beneficiaries.