

for Dependent's Educational Assistance, complete VA Form 22-5495 to change their program of education and/or place of training. VA uses the information to determine if the new program selected is suitable to their abilities, aptitudes, and interests and to verify that the new place of training is approved for benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,400 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,600.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0317]

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 on additional information needed to complete a claimant's application.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 7, 2004.

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. Please refer to

"OMB Control No. 2900-0317" 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. 3501-3521), 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 Identifying Information Re: Veteran's Loan Records, VA Form Letter 26-626.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0317.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-626 is used to notify a correspondent that additional information is needed to determine if a veteran's loan guaranty benefits are involved, and if so, to obtain the necessary information to identify and associate the correspondence with the correct veteran's loan application or record.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary:

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0643]

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 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 improve women veterans' health care.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0643" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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: Women Veterans Ambulatory Care Use: Patterns, Barriers, and Influences, VA Form 10-21063(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0643.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the study is to gain an understanding of VA women veterans' use of health care from the perspective of women veterans. The data collected will: (1) Characterize patterns of VA and non-VA ambulatory care use by women veterans, and contrast them to those of male veterans; (2) identify barriers and influences on VA ambulatory care use, including those related to women's military experience, veteran identity, and perceptions about the availability and quality of VA women's health care; (3) identify factors associated with gender gaps in VA ambulatory care use and; (4) apply these findings to develop interventions and policies to improve access of women veterans to VA ambulatory care.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 707 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,624.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0144]

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 on information needed to apply for a home loan guaranty.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 7, 2004.

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 email irmnkess@vba.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0144" 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 (Pub. L. 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: HUD/VA Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application, VA Form 26-1802a, and Freddie Mac 65/Fannie Mae Form 1003, Uniform Residential Loan Application.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0144.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-1802a serves as a joint loan application for both VA and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Lenders and veterans use the form to apply for guaranty of home loans.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Dated: March 25, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0585]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Material Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Acquisition and Material Management (OA&MM), 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 on the information needed to allow firms to offer items that are equal to the brand name item stated in the bid.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Donald E. Kaliher, Office of Acquisition and Material Management (049A5A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail donald.kaliher@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0585" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Kaliher at (202) 273-8819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must