

Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden:
\$42,650,873.51.

There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) cost burden in the form of postage costs and filing fees.

Applicants incur postage costs when submitting information to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that the majority of the paper forms are submitted to the USPTO via first-class mail at a rate of 49 cents per ounce. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that with a total of 99 paper submissions, the postage costs in this collection will be \$48.51.

The filing fees for several items in this collection are charged per class of goods and/or services; therefore, the filing fees will vary for each respondent depending on the number of classes. The total filing fees of \$42,650,825.00 shown here are based on the minimum fee of one class for those items for which a fee is required.

IC No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost Burden (\$) (a) × (b) = (c)
1	Trademark/Service Mark Allegation of Use (Statement of Use/Amendment to Allege Use) (Paper).	27	\$200	\$5,400.00
1	Trademark/Service Mark Allegation of Use (Statement of Use/Amendment to Allege Use) (TEAS).	109,086	100	10,908,600.00
2	Request for Extension of Time to File a Statement of Use (Paper).	59	225	13,275.00
2	Request for Extension of Time to File a Statement of Use (TEAS).	234,906	125	29,363,250.00
3	Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to Respond Timely to Office Action (Paper).	5	200	1,000.00
3	Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to Respond Timely to Office Action (TEAS).	19,545	100	1,954,500.00
4	Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to File Timely Statement of Use or Extension Request (Paper).	1	200	200.00
4	Petition to Revive Abandoned Application—Failure to File Timely Statement of Use or Extension Request (TEAS).	203	100	20,300.00
7	Request to Divide Application (Paper)	1	200	200.00
7	Request to Divide Application (TEAS Global)	3,057	100	305,700.00
10	Petition to the Director Under Trademark Rule 2.146 (Paper)	1	200	200.00
10	Petition to the Director Under Trademark Rule 2.146 (TEAS Global).	750	100	75,000.00
11	Petition to Revive with Request to Delete Section 1(b) Basis or to Delete ITU Goods/Services After NOA (Paper).	1	200	200.00
11	Petition to Revive with Request to Delete Section 1(b) Basis or to Delete ITU Goods/Services After NOA (TEAS Global).	30	100	3,000.00
Totals		374,891		42,650,825.00

Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage costs and filing fees is \$42,650,873.51 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Office of Postsecondary Education;
Call for Written Third-Party Comments**

AGENCY: Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Call for written third-party comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information to members of the public on submitting written comments for accrediting agencies currently undergoing review for purposes of recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herman Bounds, Director, Accreditation Group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 6C115, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453-7615, or email: herman.bounds@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act

of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 U.S.C. 1011c. The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under Subpart 2, Part H, Title IV of the HEA, as amended.

- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations or a specific State public postsecondary vocational education or nurse education approval agency.

- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvement in such process.

- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe. This solicitation of third-party comments concerning the performance of accrediting agencies under review by the Secretary is required by § 496(n)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended. These accrediting agencies will be on the agenda for the December 2017 NACIQI meeting. The meeting date has not been determined, but will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

Agencies Under Review and Evaluation: Below is a list of agencies currently undergoing review and evaluation by the Accreditation Group, including their current and requested scopes of recognition:

Applications for Renewal of Recognition:

1. *Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., Scope of Recognition:* Accreditation of nursing education programs and schools, both postsecondary and higher degree, which offer a certificate, diploma, or a recognized professional degree including clinical doctorate, masters, baccalaureate, associate, diploma, and practical nursing programs in the United States and its territories, including those offered via distance education.

2. *Accrediting Commission for Midwifery Education, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and pre-accreditation of basic certificate, basic graduate nurse-midwifery, direct entry midwifery, and pre-certification nurse-

midwifery education programs, including those programs that offer distance education in the United States.

3. *American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Candidate for Accreditation”) in the United States of physical therapist education programs leading to the first professional degree at the master’s or doctoral level and physical therapist assistant education programs at the associate degree level and for its accreditation of such programs offered via distance education.

4. *Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Candidacy status”) of institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including distance and correspondence education programs offered at those institutions.

5. *Higher Learning Commission, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Candidate for Accreditation”) of degree-granting institutions of higher education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, including the tribal institutions and the accreditation of programs offered via distance education and correspondence education within these institutions. This recognition extends to the Institutional Actions Council jointly with the Board of Trustees of the Commission for decisions on cases for continued accreditation or reaffirmation, and continued candidacy, and to the Appeals Body jointly with the Board of Trustees of the Commission for decisions related to initial candidacy or accreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation.

6. *New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and pre-accreditation (“Candidacy status”) of institutions of higher education in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont that award bachelor’s, master’s, and/or doctoral degrees and associate degree-granting institutions in those states that include degrees in liberal arts or general studies among their offerings, including the accreditation of programs offered via

distance education within these institutions.

7. *New York State Board of Regents, and the Commissioner of Education, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation of those degree-granting institutions of higher education in New York that designate the agency as their sole or primary nationally recognized accrediting agency for purposes of establishing eligibility to participate in HEA programs including accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions.

8. *Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior Colleges and University Commission, Scope of Recognition:* The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Candidate for Accreditation”) of senior colleges and universities in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.

Compliance Report:

1. *American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation, Compliance report includes the following:* (1) Findings identified in the March 10, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the December 2015 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, and (2) Review under 34 CFR 602.15(a)(6), 602.20(b), and 602.24(f)(2).

Scope of recognition: The accreditation of institutions and programs within the United States awarding diplomas, associate degrees and bachelor’s degrees in funeral service or mortuary science, including the accreditation of distance learning courses and programs offered by these programs and institutions.

2. *Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Compliance report includes the following:* (1) Findings identified in the March 10, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the December 2015 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, and (2) Review under 34 CFR 602.17(f), 602.19(b), and 602.20(b).

Scope of recognition: The accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States, including those offered via distance education.

3. *Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, Compliance report includes the following:* (1) Findings identified in the March 10, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the

December 2015 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, and (2) Review under 34 CFR 602.19(b), 602.20(a), and 602.20(b).

Scope of recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of direct-entry midwifery educational institutions and programs conferring degrees and certificates, including the accreditation of such programs offered via distance education.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition—State Agency for Nurse Education

North Dakota Board of Nursing.

Compliance Report—State Agency for Nurse Education

New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions, Nursing Education, Compliance report includes the following: (1) Findings identified in the March 10, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the December 2015 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, and (2) Review under 34 CFR 3d.

Compliance Report—State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education, Compliance report includes the following: (1) Findings identified in the March 10, 2016 letter from the senior Department official following the December 2015 NACIQI meeting available at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/finalstaffreports.cfm>, and (2) Review under 34 CFR 603.24(a)(1)(ii), 603.24(a)(3)(ii)(A), 603.24(b)(1)(iii), 603.24(b)(1)(iv), 603.24(b)(1)(v), 603.24(b)(1)(vi), 603.24(b)(1)(vii), 603.24(b)(2)(i), 603.24(b)(2)(ii), 603.24(b)(2)(iii), 603.24(d)(1), 603.24(d)(2).

Scope of Recognition: The approval of public postsecondary vocational education offered at institutions in the State of Oklahoma that are not under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education, including the approval of public postsecondary vocational education offered via distance education.

Submission of Written Comments Regarding a Specific Accrediting Agency or State Approval Agency Under Review

Written comments about the recognition of a specific accrediting or State agency must be received by August 13, 2017, in the

ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov mailbox and include the subject line “Written Comments: (agency name).” The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an electronic mail message (email) or provided in the body of an email message. Comments about an agency’s recognition after review of a compliance report must relate to issues identified in the compliance report and the criteria for recognition cited in the senior Department official’s letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary’s appeal decision, if any. Comments about the renewal of an agency’s recognition based on a review of the agency’s petition must relate to its compliance with the Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, or the Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education as appropriate, which are available at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.

Only material submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning agencies scheduled for review and are considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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Preliminary Analysis Regarding Energy Efficiency Improvements in ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1–2016: Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of a Preliminary Energy Savings Analysis of ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1–2016 (Preliminary Analysis). DOE welcomes written comments from interested parties on any subject within the scope of this Preliminary Analysis.

DATES: DOE will accept written comments and information on the Preliminary Analysis no later than September 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Preliminary Analysis is available at <https://energy.gov/eere/buildings/downloads/preliminary-energy-savings-analysis-ansiashraeies-standard-901-2016>.

Any comments submitted must provide docket number EERE–2017–BT–DET–0046. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* 2016ASHRAEstandard2017DET0046@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

3. *Postal Mail:* Building Energy Codes Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE–5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Building Energy Codes Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600,