

**AUTHORITY:** 5 U.S.C. 301, 26 U.S.C. 7213, 7214, 7608, 7801, 7802, 7803, 18 U.S.C. 1030; and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1952, pursuant to section 7804(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235). The Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) (PL 97-255). Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989, entitled, "Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees." OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," and OMB Circular A-123, "Management Accountability and Control."

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED:** Current and former employees of the Internal Revenue Service.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS COVERED:** Included in this program of computer matches are 26 Treasury or Internal Revenue Service systems. Systems not previously included in a Computer Matching Agreement of the Office of Chief Inspector include: FinCEN Database [Treasury DO.200], Suspicious Activity Reporting System [Treasury DO.212], Bank Secrecy Act Reporting System [Treasury DO.213], Unified System for Time and Appeals Records [Treasury/IRS 44.003], and Treasury Integrated Financial Management and Revenue System [Treasury DO.210] which replaces Travel Expense Records [Treasury/IRS 32.001].

Records contained in the 26 systems include:

Information related to employee identification and personnel information: Treasury Integrated Management Information System (TIMIS) [Treasury/DO .002], General Personnel and Payroll Records [Treasury/IRS 36.003], Individual Return Master File (IRMF) [Treasury/IRS 22.061], Treasury Integrated Financial Management and Revenue System [Treasury DO.210].

Information related to computer inquiries and IRS information systems: Integrated Data Retrieval System (IDRS) security files [Treasury/IRS 34.018] Individual Returns Files, Adjustments and Miscellaneous Documents Files [Treasury/IRS 22.034].

Information relating to taxpayers, tax returns, and tax return information: Individual Master File (IMF) [Treasury/IRS 24.030], Business Master File (BMF) [Treasury/IRS 24.046], Debtor Master File [Treasury/IRS 24.070].

Information not uniquely pertaining to an Internal Revenue Service employee but that could possibly establish a relationship between an employee and a fraudulent activity: Suspicious Activity Reporting System

[Treasury DO.212], Bank Secrecy Act Reports System [Treasury DO.213], Lien Files (Open and Closed) [Treasury/IRS 26.009], Acquired Property Records [Treasury/IRS 26.001], Record 21, Record of Seizure and Sale of Real Property [Treasury/IRS 26.014].

Dated: December 16, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0027]

### 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 reinstatement for a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine eligibility for accrued benefits withheld during a veteran's hospitalization or domiciliary care.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 23, 1999.

**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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0027" 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:** Application for Accrued Benefits by Veteran's Surviving Spouse, Child, or Dependent Parent, VA Form 21-551.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0027.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, for a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Abstract:** The form is used to apply for accrued benefits withheld during a veteran's hospitalization or domiciliary care. The information is used by VBA to determine a claimant's entitlement to such benefits.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 33 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time for most beneficiaries.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.