

1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of 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 for information needed to determine a veteran's eligibility for Service Disabled Veterans Insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 22, 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. 2900-0068" 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: Application for Service-Disabled Insurance, VA Form 29-4364.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0068.

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

Abstract: The form is used by veterans to apply for Service Disabled Veterans Insurance, to designate a beneficiary and to select an optional settlement. The data collected on the form is used by VA

to determine the veteran's eligibility for insurance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2833.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0161]

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, without change, of 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 report medical expenses paid by claimants in connection with claims for pension and other income-based benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 22, 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. 2900-0161" in any correspondence.

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

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Title: Medical Expense Report, VA Form 21-8416.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0161.

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

Abstract: Title 38, CFR 3.272 provides that a claimant's countable income for Improved Pension purposes can be reduced if the individual pays unreimbursed medical expenses. These expenses may be deducted from otherwise countable in determining the rate of VA benefits payable. VA Form 21-8416 is used to report unreimbursed medical expenses paid by claimants.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 96,400.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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