

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900—NEW (VR&C)]

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

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 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 on the information that will be collected by a vocational rehabilitation and counseling survey.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 1998.

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—NEW (VR&C)" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

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: Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling (VR&C) Service Program Outcome Survey, VA Form 28-0317.

OMB Control Number: 2900—NEW (VR&C).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VBA plans to conduct a study to assess program outcomes for its Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling (VR&C) Program. VBA has identified a need for direct input from former program customers, including reactions to VR&C's program offerings, processes, quality of services, and outcomes achieved by veterans who participated in the program. The information collected will be used to identify program outcomes and opportunities for improving VR&C program performance. Specifically, the information will be used to assess whether the services provided under the program meets veterans needs, are provided in a manner that encourages participation by eligible recipients, and promotes successful achievement of rehabilitation and related objectives.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,650 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0159]

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 the information needed to determine the disposition of proceeds of a matured endowment policy.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 1998.

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. 2900-0159" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

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: Matured Endowment Notification, VA Form 29-5767.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0159.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used to notify the insured that his/her endowment policy has matured and to solicit the disposition of the proceeds. The information is used by VA to process the insured's request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,867 hours.