

eligibility for an education loan. VA uses the information to determine whether an eligible student's education-related expenses will exceed his or her financial resources during a specific enrollment period. The amount of the education may not be more than the difference between an applicant's education-related expenses and his or her available financial resources. Without this information, VA might underpay or overpay the amount of an education loan.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

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. 2900-0492]

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 for information needed to process a policyholder's request.

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. 2900-0492" 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: VAMATIC Authorization, VA Form 29-0532-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0492.

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

Abstract: The form is used by policyholders to authorize deductions from their bank accounts to pay insurance premiums. The information collected is used by VA to process the policyholder's request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Dated: April 6, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held at the Richmond Marriott Hotel, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, May 5-8, 1999. The meeting begins with participant registration from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, through Friday, May 7, 1999, in the Upper Level Coatroom.

The committee, comprised of fifty nine national voluntary organizations, advises the Under Secretary for Health and other members of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office staff on how to coordinate and promote volunteer activities within VA facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between the organizations, representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers; and to approve committee recommendations.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1999, VAWS Field Staff will meet from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Salon E. The National Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Salon E. The Richmond VA Medical Center will provide a Health Fair from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Foyer A-D. There will be an orientation for new members from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. in Salon E, and from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. there will be an open forum in Salon E. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 p.m. featuring Dr. Kenneth Kizer, M.D., M.P.H. as keynote speaker. A reception from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is planned for all participants in Salon F-J.

On Thursday, May 6, 1999, there will be a Business Session from 8:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. in Salon A-E. A plenary session on End of Life Care will be conducted by Judy Salerno from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Salon A-E. Repeating educational workshops will be presented from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.-4:15. The workshop topics include: Community Based