

Form 26-6850a requires that servicing efforts be fully explained so that VA can determine whether supplemental servicing could develop further information which might justify the extension of forbearance to the veteran-borrower as opposed to foreclosure. The information provided is used to coordinate the actions of VA and the holder to ensure that all legal requirements regarding foreclosure and claim payment are met.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.
Estimated Annual Burden: 66,166.

- a. VA Form 26-6850—20,166 hours.
- b. VA Form 26-6850a—26,000 hours.
- c. VA Form 26-6851—20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

- a. VA Form 26-6850—10 minutes.
- b. VA Form 26-6850a—20 minutes.
- c. VA Form 26-6851—15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

279,000 hours.

- a. VA Form 26-6850—121,000 hours.
- b. VA Form 26-6850a—78,000 hours.
- c. VA Form 26-6851—80,000 hours.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0300]

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 for information needed to authorize assistance to disabled veterans acquiring special housing adaptations.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 18, 2000.

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. 2900-0300" 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: Veterans Application for Assistance in Acquiring Special Housing Adaptations, VA Form 26-4555d.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0300.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-4555d is used by disabled veterans in applying for special housing and adaptations to dwellings. Grants are available to assist disabled veterans in making adaptations to their current residences or one, which they intend to live in as long as the veteran or a member of the veteran's family owns the home. It also provides information for use in approving or disapproving a veteran's application for a grant.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0386]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 16, 2000.

For Further Information or a Copy of the Submission Contact: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0386."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet, VA Form 26-8923.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0386.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Lenders are required to submit the form when requesting guaranty on an interest rate reduction refinancing loan. VA loan examiners must assure that the requirements of the Deficit Reduction of 1984 and applicable VA regulations have been met before the issuance of guaranty. The form ensures that lenders correctly compute the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB