DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Grantee Reporting Form—Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Annual Payback Report

SUMMARY: The Annual Payback Report collects data on the status of “current” and “exited” RSA scholars who are/were the recipients of scholarships. The information collected will provide performance data relevant to the rehabilitation fields and degrees pursued by RSA scholars, as well as the fund owed and the rehabilitation work completed by them.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

Supplementary Information: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Grantee Reporting Form—Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Annual Payback Report.

OMB Control Number: 1820–0617.

Type of Review: Revision.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 350.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 350.

Abstract: Under section 302 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), RSA has the authority to provide financial assistance, through academic institutions, to students seeking a career in rehabilitative services. Students who receive scholarships under this program are required to work within the public rehabilitation program, such as with a state vocational rehabilitation agency, or an agency or organization that has a service arrangement with a state vocational rehabilitation agency. The student is expected to work two years in such settings for every year of full-time scholarship support. Section 302 (b)(2)(C) of the Act requires the academic institutions (i.e., grantees) that administer a RSA Long-Term Training Program to track the employment status and location of former scholars supported under their grants in order to ensure that students are meeting the payback requirement.

Program regulations at 34 CFR 386.34 require each grantee to establish and maintain a tracking system on current and former RSA scholars for this purpose.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.


SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the continuation of a computer matching program between the Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The continuation is effective on the date in paragraph 5.


1. Names of Participating Agencies


2. Purpose of the Match

The matching program entitled “Verification Division USCIS/ED” will permit ED to confirm the immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, financial assistance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), as authorized by section 484(g) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 7102).
In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a), ED will not suspend, terminate, reduce, or make a final denial of any title IV, HEA program assistance to such individual, or take other adverse action against such individual, as a result of information produced by such a match, until (1)(a) ED has independently verified the information; or (b) the Data Integrity Board of ED determines in accordance with guidance issued by the Director of the OMB that (i) the information is limited to identification and amount of benefits paid by ED under a Federal benefit program; and (ii) there is a high degree of confidence that the information provided to ED is accurate; (2) the individual receives a notice from ED containing a statement of its findings and informing the individual of the opportunity to contest such findings by submitting documentation demonstrating a satisfactory immigration status within 30 days of receipt of the notice; and (3) 30 days from the date of the individual’s receipt of such notice has expired.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will be effective on the latest of the following three dates: (A) October 18, 2012; (B) 30 days from the date ED publishes a Computer Matching Notice in the Federal Register as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12); or, (C) 40 days from the date that ED transmits the report of the matching program, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), to OMB, the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40 day review period for compelling reasons, in which case 30 days from the date of ED’s transmittal of the matching program report.

The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquires

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program, including requesting a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and DHS, may contact Mrs. Franka Dennis, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street NE., Washington DC 20002–5345.