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AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Publication of agenda of regulations.

SUMMARY: This agenda announces the regulations that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will have under development or review during the 12-month period beginning October 1995. The purpose in publishing the Department's regulatory agenda is to allow all interested persons the

opportunity to participate in VA's regulatory planning.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to comment on the entries listed in the agenda by contacting the individual agency contact listed for each entry or by writing to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document is issued pursuant to Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" (and

implementing guidance) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act which require that executive agencies semiannually publish in the Federal Register an agenda of regulations under development or review. For this edition of VA's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the Table of Contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate Sequence Number in Part II.

Dated: September 14, 1995.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

Prerule Stage

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

3223. AID TO STATES FOR CARE OF VETERANS IN STATE HOMES AND GRANTS TO STATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION OF STATE HOME FACILITIES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1741; 38 USC 1742; 38 USC 1743; 38 USC 8131; 38 USC 8132; 38 USC 8133; 38 USC 8134; 38 USC 8135; 38 USC 8136; 38 USC 8137

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.165; 38 CFR 17.166; 38 CFR 17.167; 38 CFR 17.183

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Several laws have been enacted since the last revision and

update of the regulations governing the State Home Per Diem Program. Among them is Public Law 100-322, which provided that the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, is to evaluate per diem rates annually and increase them as appropriate; the rates may not exceed the percentage increase in VA general hospitals. Numerous other changes and updates are needed to (1) assist the States in recognition of State homes; (2) provide various options for operating State homes, such as contracting or leasing and clarify of States' responsibilities for providing financial support for the operation; and (3) opening of beds, after completing construction in which VA provided up to 65 percent of the cost. Timeframes for opening beds and clarification of assurance of financial support need to be documented. Current regulations will be updated and revised to accomplish these purposes. Additionally updates are necessary for the State Home Construction Program. Public Law 102-585 amends the time for conditional grant approvals,

prohibits obligation of funds for rescinded projects during the same fiscal year, defines the date the recapture period begins, and provides for retroactive per diem payment after completion of recognition inspection. Further, the Life Safety Code requires updating to the 1993 edition and various other technical and editorial changes need to be made.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/00/95	
NPRM	05/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE87

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

Proposed Rule Stage

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

3224. DISPOSITION OF VETERAN'S PERSONAL FUNDS AND EFFECTS ON FACILITY UPON DEATH, OR DISCHARGE, OR UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE, AND OF FUNDS AND EFFECTS FOUND ON FACILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 8501; 38 USC 8502; 38 USC 8503; 38 USC 8504; 38 USC 8506; 38 USC 8507; 38 USC 8508; 38 USC 8509; 38 USC 8510; 38 USC 8520; 38 USC 8521; 38 USC 8522; 38 USC 8523; 38 USC 8524; 38 USC 8525;

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CFR Citation: 38 CFR 12.0 to 12.24

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 208 of Public Law 94-581 provides that unclaimed property or funds and effects left by a dependent or survivor of a veteran receiving medical care at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility as a CHAMPVA beneficiary will be disposed of in the same or similar manner as such property left by a veteran. Also, estates of dependents or survivors of a veteran who dies intestate and without legal heirs while a patient in any VA facility or any hospital, while being furnished care or treatment therein by VA, will escheat to the U.S. Government. Some of these regulations have not been updated since 1948; therefore, editorial changes will be made, which will not affect policy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AB61

3225. • ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM; COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAM; AND CONTRACT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE DISORDERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.51e(c)(2); 38 CFR 17.51j(a)(2); 38 CFR 17.53b(a)(1)(i); 38 CFR 17.53c(a)(1)(i)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs proposes to update references to material incorporated by reference in regulations concerning the Adult Day Health Care Program, the Community Residential Care Program and the Contract Program for Veterans with Alcohol and Drug Dependence Disorders. These regulations incorporate by reference various editions of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code (NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and NFPA 101A, Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety). References will be made to the 1995 editions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/11/95	60 FR 47133
NPRM Comment Period End	11/13/95	
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 2900-AH61

3226. • INFORMED CONSENT FOR PATIENT CARE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 7331; 38 USC 7332; 38 USC 7333

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.34

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA proposes to amend its regulations concerning informed consent for patient care. It is proposed to describe the requirements for obtaining and documenting informed

consent. It is also proposed to describe the types of treatments or procedures for which the patient's signature on a VA authorized form would be required and to establish a list and priority of surrogates authorized to act on behalf of patients who lack decisionmaking capacity. Further, it is proposed to establish an internal decisionmaking process for patients who lack decisionmaking capacity and have no authorized surrogate. This action is intended to protect patient rights and to ensure that the patient (or the patient's surrogate or representative) receives sufficient information to make an informed health care decision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH72

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

3227. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE ORTHOPEDIC SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.71(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the orthopedic system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/28/90	55 FR 53315

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Proposed Rule Stage

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/26/91	
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 2900-AE91**3228. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—MENTAL DISORDERS****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.125; 38 CFR 4.126; 38 CFR 4.127; 38 CFR 4.128; 38 CFR 4.129; 38 CFR 4.130; 38 CFR 4.131; 38 CFR 4.132

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate mental disorders.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/02/91	56 FR 20170
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/01/91	
NPRM	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 2900-AF01**3229. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND CONVULSIVE DISORDERS****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.120; 38 CFR 4.121; 38 CFR 4.122; 38 CFR 4.123; 38 CFR 4.124; 38 CFR 4.124a

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the neurological system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/02/91	56 FR 20169
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/01/91	
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 2900-AF23**3230. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—DIGESTIVE SYSTEM****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 4.114**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the digestive system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/02/91	56 FR 20168
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/01/91	
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 2900-AF24**3231. REDUCTION OF DEBT THROUGH THE PERFORMANCE OF WORK-STUDY SERVICES****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** PL 102-16**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 1.929**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: There is a section of PL 102-16 which is designed to eliminate some VA debts. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is given the authority to enter into an agreement with an individual who has incurred an overpayment of VA educational or rehabilitation benefits. Pursuant to the agreement the individual may reduce the resulting debt through performance of work-study services. The law gives VA considerable latitude in administering this program. The regulation will state the way in which VA will implement this provision of law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 2900-AF29

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Proposed Rule Stage

3232. VETERANS' EDUCATION; SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF PAYMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3690

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4133; 38 CFR 21.4134; 38 CFR 21.4135; 38 CFR 21.4146; 38 CFR 21.4152; 38 CFR 21.4202; 38 CFR 21.4207; 38 CFR 21.4208; 38 CFR 21.4210; 38 CFR 21.4211; 38 CFR 21.4212; 38 CFR 21.4213; 38 CFR 21.4214; 38 CFR 21.4215; 38 CFR 21.4216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under certain conditions VA can suspend or discontinue payments of educational assistance to individuals even though the course in which they are enrolled is approved for VA training. Current regulations provide for a review of the circumstances at the local VA facility and another de novo review at VA Central Office. The proposal would gather in one place the procedures which VA follows in deciding whether to suspend or discontinue payments; would make a part of the Code of Federal Regulations the rules at the hearing which may be conducted in making this decision; and would eliminate the de novo Central Office review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AF85

3233. VETERANS' EDUCATION; SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF PAYMENTS UNDER THE POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3690

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.5130; 38 CFR 21.5200

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA will propose regulations which will gather in one place the procedures VA follows in deciding whether to suspend or discontinue payments. This will require revisions to the regulations governing the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program so that references to the sections concerned with suspension and discontinuance of educational assistance will be correct.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AG04

3234. RESERVISTS' EDUCATION; SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF PAYMENTS UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL—SELECTED RESERVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3690

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7633; 38 CFR 21.7635; 38 CFR 21.7658

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA will propose regulations which will gather in one place the procedures VA follows in deciding whether to suspend or discontinue payments of educational assistance. This will require revisions to the regulations governing the Montgomery GI Bill, Selected Reserve so that references to the sections concerned with the suspension and discontinuance of educational assistance will be correct.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AG05

3235. VETERANS EDUCATION: INCREASE IN RATES PAYABLE UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL ACTIVE DUTY, 1994-95

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3015

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7136; 38 CFR 21.7137

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: By statute, veterans and servicemembers pursuing a program of education under the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty are entitled to receive an increase in the monthly rate of basic educational assistance, effective October 1 of each year. The increase to take effect on October 1, 1994, is one-half the increase in the consumer price index (U) from June 1993 to June 1994, or 1.25 percent. These amended regulations will implement the increase due October 1, 1994, for the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH14

3236. INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend the Schedule for Rating Disabilities as it

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addressed the issue of individual unemployability, in order to establish a more objective standard for making unemployability determinations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH21

3237. LOAN GUARANTY: AUTHORITY TO CLOSE VA-GUARANTEED LOANS ON AN AUTOMATIC BASIS, WITHDRAWAL OF AUTOMATIC PROCESSING AUTHORITY AND ELIMINATION OF LATE REPORTING WAIVERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 3702(d)(3); 38 USC 3702(e)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4348; 38 CFR 36.4349; 38 CFR 36.4303(a); 38 CFR 36.4303(d); 38 CFR 36.4335(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA is proposing to amend its loan guaranty regulations regarding criteria used to approve nonsupervised lenders to process VA-guaranteed loans on the automatic basis. The Department is considering changes in the following requirements for lender participation in the automatic authority program: lender experience, working capital, lines of credit, and VA-approved underwriter eligibility and training. The Department is also considering changes in the regulation regarding annual recertification of lenders and standards for withdrawal of automatic authority. VA is also proposing to amend the requirements pertaining to lenders' reporting of VA-guaranteed loans to the Secretary within 60 days following full disbursement. The revised regulation will provide that if the lender does not report the loan within 60 days, the late report must be accompanied by a statement signed by a corporate officer of the lending institution, certifying that the loan is current and offering an explanation for the late reporting. This change will eliminate the current requirement for VA regional office to

go through the formality of making a decision on whether or not to waive the requirement and instead either issue the guaranty or not, as appropriate under the circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/31/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH23

3238. VETERANS EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-466; PL 103-337

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.3333; 38 CFR 21.4137; 38 CFR 21.4152; 38 CFR 21.4155; 38 CFR 21.4200; 38 CFR 21.4201; 38 CFR 21.4252; 38 CFR 21.4256; 38 CFR 21.4260; 38 CFR 21.4279; 38 CFR 21.7020; 38 CFR 21.7045; 38 CFR 21.7120; 38 CFR 21.4820; 38 CFR 21.4822

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1994 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 contain provisions that affect the various education programs VA administers. This includes making flight training a permanent part of many of these programs and providing for approval of courses leading to alternate teacher certification. This proposal will acquaint the public with the way in which VA will implement these programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH31

3239. VETERAN EDUCATION: COURSE MEASUREMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR GRADUATE COURSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-446; PL 103-337

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4273; 38 CFR 21.7131

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Veterans Benefits Act of 1992 contains many provisions that affect the educational programs VA administers. The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1993 contains a provision that affects the eligibility of voluntarily discharged individuals for the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty. This proposal includes revised regulations governing the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty needed to implement a portion of those Acts and, thus, will acquaint the public with the way VA intends to administer certain provisions of those Acts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH39

3240. SC FOR DENTAL DISABILITIES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.381

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: This action will clarify the term "reasonable period of service" (Manio v. Brown)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH41

3241. MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.1000

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will clarify the definition of "medical evidence on file at time of death" (Hayes v. Brown).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH42

3242. VISION

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.75

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend the vision portion of the rating schedule to provide current medical terminology, clarify ambiguous evaluation criteria, and add medical conditions not presently in the rating schedule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH43

3243. • EVIDENCE DEPENDENCY AND AGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action is taken to make regulatory the discretionary authority of Public Law 103-446 to accept the claimants' statements as part of certain relationships.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH51

3244. • CLAIMS BASED ON TOBACCO USE DURING ACTIVE SERVICE

Priority: Economically Significant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.304

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule will establish criteria for determining service connection of disability/death due to the use of tobacco products during active service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH58

3245. • ABANDONED CLAIMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.109; 38 CFR 3.155

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action is taken to make clear the time after which VA considers a claim abandoned.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH65

OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND MATERIEL MANAGEMENT

3246. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION (VAAR): PART 801, VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 801

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the dollar thresholds specified in VAAR 801.602-70, legal/technical review requirements to be met prior to contract execution. Many of the dollar thresholds are unrealistically low, given the economy and the volume of contractual actions VA contracting officers execute. These dollar thresholds hinder the ability of VA contracting officers to execute many of the documents and award contracts in a timely manner. This rule is consistent with the Department's goal of enhancing its competitiveness in the health care industry and this Administration's commitment to streamline the bureaucracy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH28

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

3247. RULES OF PRACTICE: MEDICAL OPINIONS; APPEAL PROCESSING AND SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a); 38 USC 5107; 38 USC 7102; 38 USC 7104(a); 38 USC 7105; 38 USC 7105A; 38 USC 7109

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 19.9; 38 CFR 19.36; 38 CFR 20.3; 38 CFR 20.800; 38 CFR 20.801; 38 CFR 20.802; 38 CFR 20.901; 38 CFR 20.903; 38 CFR 20.1304

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Board of Veterans' Appeals will revise its Rules of Practice to clarify the Board's authority to secure medical opinions from the Veterans Health Administration; to authorize the Board to obtain information during the appellate process without remand; to provide that an appellant must generally submit any additional evidence prior to the time the case is assigned to a Board Member; and to reorganize certain rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AG90

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

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VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

3248. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 7332

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.460-499

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations address the confidentiality of VA records pertaining to drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and sickle cell anemia treatment, rehabilitation, education, training, evaluation and research information.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/26/93	58 FR 39706
NPRM Comment Period End	09/07/93	
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: NOTE: This rule was incorrectly listed as completed in the October 1993 Unified Agenda.

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RIN: 2900-AE28

3249. HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: PL 96-330; 38 USC 76; PL 101-366; PL 102-405

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.613; 38 CFR 17.614; 38 CFR 17.615; 38 CFR 17.616; 38 CFR 17.617; 38 CFR 17.618; 38 CFR 17.607(c)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA is amending its medical regulations by adding new sections to implement the provisions of Pub. L.

101-366. Section 205 of that law creates the "Stipend Program for Members of the Selected Reserve" codified at 38 U.S.C., chapter 76, subchapter V. Public Law 102-405, section 202, changes the minimum period of service obligation from 1 year to 2 years for all students receiving awards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/29/92	57 FR 33471
NPRM Comment Period End	09/28/92	
Final Action	08/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AF87

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VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

3250. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 98 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 2900-AE40

3251. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.119

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the endocrine system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/26/90	55 FR 6658
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/27/90	55 FR 6658
NPRM	01/22/93	58 FR 5691
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/93	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE41

3252. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 101-189; PL 101-237; PL 102-16; PL 102-484; PL 102-

568; PL 103-66; PL 103-160; PL 103-446

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7520; 38 CFR 21.7540; 38 CFR 21.7576; 38 CFR 21.7612; 38 CFR 21.7620; 38 CFR 21.7622; 38 CFR 21.7624; 38 CFR 21.7631; 38 CFR 21.7635; 38 CFR 21.7636; 38 CFR 21.7639; 38 CFR 21.7640; 38 CFR 21.7642; 38 CFR 21.7645; 38 CFR 21.7653; ...

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Veterans Education and Employment Amendments of 1989, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, the Veterans Education and Employment Programs Amendments, the Persian Gulf Conflict Supplemental Authorization and Personnel Benefits Act of 1991, the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, and the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1994 all contain provisions that significantly changed the Montgomery GI Bill, Selected Reserve. These acts expanded this program by adding new types of permissible training such as apprenticeship and on-the-job training, cooperative training, and flight training. Furthermore, the eligibility provisions were significantly liberalized, and the rates of payment were increased. This final rule will restate statutory requirements and set forth VA's statutory interpretations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/02/94	59 FR 45644
NPRM Comment Period End	11/01/94	59 FR 45645
Final Action	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: RIN 2900-AE47 has been merged with this RIN.

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RIN: 2900-AE43

3253. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.73

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the muscular system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/08/90	55 FR 46950
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/07/91	
NPRM	06/16/93	58 FR 33235
NPRM Comment Period End	07/16/93	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE89

3254. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.96; 38 CFR 4.97

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical

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criteria used to evaluate disabilities of the respiratory system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/08/91	56 FR 667
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/11/91	
NPRM	01/19/93	58 FR 4962
NPRM Comment Period End	03/22/93	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE94

3255. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—SYSTEMIC CONDITIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.88; 38 CFR 4.88a

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate systemic conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/25/91	56 FR 2884
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/26/91	
NPRM	04/30/93	58 FR 26083
NPRM Comment Period End	06/29/93	
Final Action	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE95

3256. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE SKIN

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.118

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate skin conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/02/91	56 FR 20171
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/01/91	
NPRM	01/19/93	58 FR 4969
NPRM Comment Period End	03/22/93	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AF00

3257. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—DISEASES OF THE EAR AND OTHER SENSE ORGANS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.75; 38 CFR 4.76; 38 CFR 4.77; 38 CFR 4.78; 38 CFR

4.79; 38 CFR 4.80; 38 CFR 4.83; 38 CFR 4.84; 38 CFR 4.85; 38 CFR 4.86; 38 CFR 4.87

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These amendments will contain additions, deletions, and revisions of terminology resulting from a systematic review of the medical criteria used to evaluate impairments of the eye, ear, and other sense organs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/02/91	56 FR 20170
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/01/91	
NPRM	04/12/94	59 FR 17295
NPRM Comment Period End	06/13/94	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AF22

3258. RESERVISTS' EDUCATION; COMMENCING DATE OF AWARD OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 10 USC 2136

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7631

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In response to the final report of the Commission to Assess Veterans' Education Policy, VA stated it would make various changes in response to the Commission's recommendations. These regulatory changes will include amendments to adjust the beginning dates of awards of educational assistance. This proposed action will implement the commitments VA made in its response with respect to the Montgomery GI Bill, Selected Reserve.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/02/95	60 FR 21486
NPRM Comment Period End	07/03/95	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AF74

3259. AMENDMENTS TO TRAINING AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.
Legal Authority: PL 102-568
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.40; 38 CFR 21.260; 38 CFR 21.6005; 38 CFR 21.6042; 38 CFR 21.6050; 38 CFR 21.6052; 38 CFR 21.6054; 38 CFR 21.6056; 38 CFR 21.6058; 38 CFR 21.6420; 38 CFR 21.6501; 38 CFR 21.6503; 38 CFR 21.6505; 38 CFR 21.6507; 38 CFR 21.6523; ...

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: The Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 extends the termination date for the program of vocational training for certain pensioners through December 31, 1995; makes permanent the programs protecting health care benefits for pensioners who lose their benefits due to income from work or training and the special counseling and employment services program for veterans with total disability ratings because of individual unemployability. In addition the law authorizes a 10 percent increase in subsistence allowance for participants in the vocational rehabilitation program, and extends eligibility for vocational rehabilitation to veterans with service-connected disability of 10 percent under certain conditions. The change also includes revisions to implement regulatory reform.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AG00

3260. VETERANS' EDUCATION; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT OF 1992 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 1993

Priority: Other Significant
Legal Authority: PL 102-484; PL 102-568
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.3145; 38 CFR 21.4131; 38 CFR 21.4135; 38 CFR 21.4233; 38 CFR 21.4234; 38 CFR 21.4252; 38 CFR 21.4253; 38 CFR 21.4254; 38 CFR 21.4265; 38 CFR 21.4267; 38 CFR 21.4270; 38 CFR 21.4271; 38 CFR 21.4272; 38 CFR 21.4273; 38 CFR 21.4280; ...

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: The Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 contains many provisions that affect the educational programs VA administers. Among these is a change in the rate of payment made to individuals who are pursuing independent study, a change in the eligibility rules for veterans and servicemembers receiving educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty. The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1993 also contains provisions which affect the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty. For example, certain individuals who have voluntarily separated from the military are given an opportunity to become eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty. These regulations will implement these Acts with respect to the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty and Dependents' Educational Assistance.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AG22

3261. VETERANS' TRAINING UNDER THE SERVICE MEMBERS OCCUPATIONAL CONVERSION AND TRAINING ACT

Priority: Other Significant
Legal Authority: PL 102-484
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4800; 38 CFR 21.4802; 38 CFR 21.4810; 38 CFR 21.4812; 38 CFR 21.4820; 38 CFR 21.4822; 38 CFR 21.4823; 38 CFR 21.4824; 38 CFR 21.4830; 38 CFR 21.4832; 38 CFR 21.4834; 38 CFR 21.4840; 38 CFR 21.4842; 38 CFR 21.4844; 38 CFR 21.4850

Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: The Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act of 1992 established a job training program for recently discharged veterans. That act authorizes the Secretary of Defense to delegate some of the responsibility for implementing it to either the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Labor, or both. The Secretary of Defense has done this. These regulations will acquaint the public with the way in which VA will implement the responsibilities which have been delegated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/31/95	60 FR 5848
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AG56

3262. FIBROMYALGIA

Priority: Other Significant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

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duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 1155

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.71(a)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will add a diagnostic code and criteria for a rheumatologic condition characterized by pain and tender points.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH05

3263. DETERMINATION OF INCOMPETENCY AND COMPETENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.353

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action provides that concurrence of the VSO is no longer required before the Rating Board makes a decision regarding competency of the veteran.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/04/95	60 FR 22016
NPRM Comment Period End	07/03/95	
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH10

3264. ELIGIBILITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 99 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 2900-AH18

3265. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RELIEF ON ACCOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 512(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 2.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will make explicit the implied delegation of authority to deny equitable relief claims that was noted in OGC Prec. 11-94.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH19

3266. VETERANS EDUCATION: THE VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1994 AND POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-446

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.5021; 38 CFR 21.5150; 38 CFR 21.5200; 38 CFR 21.5250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1994 contains provisions that affect the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). This includes making flight training a permanent part of this program and providing for approval of courses leading to alternative teacher certification. These revised regulations will acquaint the public with the way in which VA will implement those provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH33

3267. COMPENSATION FOR DISABILITY RESULTING FROM HOSPITALIZATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.358

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action is taken to reflect that the former rule regarding payment under 38 USC 1151 precluded payment under certain circumstances and remove these prohibitions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/16/95	60 FR 14222
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH44

3268. EXAMINATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.326

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing to amend its adjudication regulations as to when a VA medical examination will be authorized and when a compensation or pension claim may be raised without a VA examination. Recent legislation and regulatory changes have expanded the number of situations in which a claim may be based without a VA examination. The intended effect of the proposal is to rewrite the examination rule for clarity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/11/95	60 FR 52863
Final Action	01/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH48

3269. • SERVICEMEN'S AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 1965 to 1977

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 9.1 to 9.36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Servicemen's and Veterans' Group Life Insurance regulations are being amended to eliminate those provisions that are simply restatements of statutes or are obsolete and unnecessary. Additionally, some regulations are being rewritten for clarity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH50

3270. • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 1940 to 1963; 38 USC 1981 to 1988

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 6.2 to 6.211

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: United States Government Life Insurance regulations are being amended by eliminating provisions that simply restate statutory law or are obsolete and unnecessary. Some provisions are being revised for clarity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH52

3271. • SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 50 USC app 540 to 548

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 7.2 to 7.33

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations pertaining to this program are being amended by eliminating obsolete provisions that no longer apply and revising text so that it is more understandable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH53

3272. • VETERANS MORTGAGE LIFE INSURANCE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 2106

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 8a.1 to 8a.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Rules relating to Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance are being amended by eliminating regulations that are simply restatements of statutes, or are obsolete and unnecessary. Regulations are also being rewritten for clarity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH54

3273. • NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 1901 to 1929; 38 USC 1981 to 1988

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 8.0 to 8.119

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations relating to National Service Life Insurance are being amended by eliminating

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provisions that simply restate statutory law or are obsolete and unnecessary. Additionally, some regulations are being rewritten for clarity.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH55

3274. • RESERVISTS' EDUCATION: TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL—SELECTED RESERVE PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 10 USC 16131; 10 USC 16132; 10 USC 16133; 10 USC 16134; 10 USC 16135; 10 USC 16136; 10 USC 16137

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4005; 38 CFR 21.4020; 38 CFR 21.4022; 38 CFR 21.4134; 38 CFR 21.4151; 38 CFR 21.4153; 38 CFR 21.4201; 38 CFR 21.4206; 38 CFR 21.4207; 38 CFR 21.4209; 38 CFR 21.4250; 38 CFR 21.4251; 38 CFR 21.4263; 38 CFR 21.5040; 38 CFR 21.5741; ...

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1993 reorganized a portion of title 10 U.S. Code by moving sections 2131 through 2137, placing them within chapter 1606, and redesignating them as sections 16131 through 16137. This final rule will conform the authority citations in 38 CFR to the new designations in the law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/01/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH59

3275. • VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATION: REVISION AND RESCISSION OF OBSOLETE AND DUPLICATE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 512(e); 38 USC 510; 38 USC 3680; 38 USC 3501; 38 USC 3681; 38 USC 3520; 38 USC 3536; 38 USC 3541; 38 USC 3561; 38 USC 3533; 38 USC 3684; 38 USC 5113; 38 USC 3532; 38 USC 3565; 38 USC 3687; ...

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.1020; 38 CFR 21.1021; 38 CFR 21.1022; 38 CFR 21.1025; 38 CFR 21.1040; 38 CFR 21.1041; 38 CFR 21.1042; 38 CFR 21.1043; 38 CFR 21.1044; 38 CFR 21.1045; 38 CFR 21.3021; 38 CFR 21.3025; 38 CFR 21.3032; 38 CFR 21.3042; 38 CFR 21.3044; ...

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA has determined that some of the sections in 38 CFR part 21 are obsolete, duplicative, or unnecessary, and that other sections contain paragraphs or sections that are obsolete, duplicative, or unnecessary. Moreover, there are sections in part 21, subpart D that more properly belong in part 21, subpart C. This rule will revise and rescind these obsolete, duplicative, and unnecessary sections, paragraphs, and sentences and will restate paragraphs currently in part 21, subpart D so that they will appear in part 21, subpart C.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH60

3276. • REVISION AND RESCISSION OF OBSOLETE AND DUPLICATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3201; 38 USC 3241; 38 USC 3680; 38 USC 3492

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.5020; 38 CFR 21.5064; 38 CFR 21.5074; 38 CFR 21.5135; 38 CFR 21.5141; 38 CFR 21.5200; 38 CFR 21.5292; 38 CFR 21.5300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA and the Department of Defense have determined that some of the sections in 38 CFR part 21, subpart G are obsolete, duplicative, or unnecessary. This final rule will revise and rescind these obsolete, duplicative, and unnecessary sections, paragraphs, and sentences.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH64

3277. • DUTY PERIOD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.6

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action is taken to clarify the rule as to when attendance at a military academy preparatory school constitutes qualifying service for VA benefits purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3278. • VET ED: EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE AWARD OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 38 USC 3018B

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7131

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The provisions of 38 U.S.C. allow a veteran who was voluntarily separated from active military, naval, or air service under either 10 U.S.C. 1174a or 1175 before October 23, 1992, to elect to receive educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty. He or she was given until October 23, 1993, to make the election. The provisions of 38 U.S.C. 3018B also require the veteran to submit \$1,200 to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as a condition of receiving the educational assistance. The statute does not contain a deadline for paying the \$1,200. This document amends the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Education regulations to explain that an individual who made the election before October 23, 1993, must still submit the \$1,200 to VA as a condition of receiving educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND MATERIEL MANAGEMENT

3279. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION—LOAN GUARANTY AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 40 USC 486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 871

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This change will increase the amount which property holders and management brokers may spend for emergency repairs. Title changes and deletion of duplicative coverage are also being made.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/14/94	59 FR 6942
NPRM Comment Period End	04/15/94	
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 2900-AG65

3280. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION—SERVICE CONTRACTING AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 40 USC 486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 837; 48 CFR 852

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This change will implement a class deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) section 37.401(c) and FAR Clause 52.237-7.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/22/93	58 FR 54548
NPRM Comment Period End	12/20/93	
Final Action	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 2900-AG67

3281. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION (VAAR): ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 801; 48 CFR 814; 48 CFR 833; 48 CFR 836; 48 CFR 852

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will correct and update office names and designations due to administrative changes within the Department. It will also correct monetary thresholds for scarce/specialized medical contracts, reviews which are listed in error, and small purchase thresholds, to be consistent with Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH27

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3282. • DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION (VAAR): PART 847, TRANSPORTATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 40 USC 486(c); 31 USC 3528; 31 USC 3322; 5 USC 605B

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 847; 41 CFR 101-41.304-2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA is amending the VAAR to increase the regulatory threshold for converting Commercial Bills of Lading to Government Bills of Lading from \$100 to \$250. This amendment will make the regulatory threshold consistent with the exception granted by the General Services Administration. In addition, other nonsubstantive changes are incorporated.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 2900-AH56

3283. • DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION REGULATION (VAAR) SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE AND PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 40 USC 486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 802; 48 CFR 803; 48 CFR 806

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment will establish delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for Management and to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management and correct the titles of

the Director, Office of Procurement and Supply, and the Deputy Director, Acquisition and Materiel Management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 2900-AH62

NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

3284. BURIAL AND HEADSTONE OR MARKER ELIGIBILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: PL 102-547; PL 103-240

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.620; 38 CFR 1.631

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule adds the new category of Reservist and National Guard Members and Their Eligible Dependents to 38 CFR, sections 1.620 and section 1.631, to conform with Public Laws 102-547 and 103-240, respectively. The rule is published as final to provide information to the public on expanded headstone or marker eligibility and eligibility for burial in a national cemetery. Therefore, there is no public comment period. The rule is not subject to the requirements of either the Administrative Procedures Act or EO 12866 because it is a restatement of statute. No costs are associated with publication of the final rule. The

effective date for Public Law 102-547 is October 28, 1993, and that for Public Law 103-240 is May 4, 1994. NOTE: In light of the VA-wide regulatory reform effort, this rule may be withdrawn at some future date. VA is determining whether or not to remove eligibility criteria from 38 CFR that simply restate the statute contained in 38 U.S.C.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH11

3285. HEADSTONE AND MARKER INSCRIPTION POLICY

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 2306

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.630; 38 CFR 1.632

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule revises 38 CFR, section 1.630 to implement Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations on its inscription policy for use on Government-provided headstones or markers. The amendment formalizes and updates previous and current policies to reflect changes in VA's Simplified Inscription Policy based on inscription information authorized at Government (specific valor awards) or at private (additional inscription items) expense. The rule is published as proposed in the Federal Register to provide information to the public on expanded inscription policy for Government-furnished headstones and markers. A 60-day public comment period is provided. This action is subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act and E.O.

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12866 as the rule is an interpretation of statute as approved by the then-Administrator now Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 1974. The proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and only individual VA beneficiaries could be directly affected.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH45

3286. STATE CEMETERY GRANTS: AID TO STATES FOR ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 2408

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 39.1; 38 CFR 39.2; 38 CFR 39.3; 38 CFR 39.7; 38 CFR 39.8; 38 CFR 39.9

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule revises 38 CFR, part 39, to amend Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations for the State Cemetery Grants Program to implement and update information on program requirements and the application process for participants. The amendment formalizes new standards and provides guidance on how States may obtain funding for grants to expand, establish, or improve State veterans cemeteries. The rule is published as proposed in the Federal Register to provide information to the public on how to apply for Federal funding for Sstate veterans cemeteries. A 60-day public comment period is provided. It is subject to the requirements of the Administrative

Procedures Act and E.O. 12866 because the rule is an interpretation of statute. The proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; only those States that apply for funding may be direct beneficiaries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 2900-AH46

OFFICE OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

3287. • DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ORDER PAID ADVERTISING FOR USE IN RECRUITMENT

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 302(b)(2); 44 USC 3702

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 2.4 (Revision)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action amends the delegation of authority to order paid advertising for use in recruitment by updating organizational titles, providing clarity, and authorizing further delegations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3288. • PART-TIME CAREER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3401; 5 USC 3402

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.891 to 1.897

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This revision removes the reporting requirements for a manual report by field stations under the Part-Time Career Employment Program and makes minor editorial revisions. The program will be reviewed through regular employment reports generated by the automated personnel system and personnel management reviews.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH75

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

3289. DELEGATION OF SUBPOENA AUTHORITY AND DESCRIPTION OF MEANS OF SERVICE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 1711

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 2.1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will clarify authority for the use of subpoena power and means of service.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/10/95	60 FR 40756
Final Action	12/00/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) **Long-Term Actions**

3290. CHAMPVA REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.54 to 17.54f
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: Undetermined
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services provided by other government agencies.
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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3293. LOAN GUARANTY: TITLE EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS AND OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTIES TO VA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4320
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/06/90	55 FR 31847
NPRM Comment Period End	10/05/90	55 FR 35325
NPRM Comment Period Extended	10/05/90	55 FR 35325
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

3291. • PAYMENTS FOR OUTPATIENTS AND ANCILLARY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY NON-VA PROVIDERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 38 USC 1703
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.50f(h) (Revision); 38 CFR 17.50g(New)
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: This rule will amend part 17.50f(h) to change payment methodology for ancillary medical care service from usual and customary to Medicare's Fee Schedule for Physicians' Services. Part 17.50g will be added to fully describe the payment methodology for outpatient and ancillary medical care services provided by non-VA providers. Payments under this fee schedule would be based on national uniform relative value units, based on the resources used in furnishing a service and adjusted for local economic conditions. Use of this fee schedule will enable VA to overcome payment discrepancies between geographic localities and various specialties and will relate payments to the value of the procedure that is identified on a claim by a current procedural terminology code. VA payment would be consistent with payment for similar medical

3292. • TREATMENT OF RESEARCH-RELATED INJURIES TO HUMAN SUBJECTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Legal Authority: 38 USC 501
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 16
Legal Deadline: None
Abstract: VA proposes to amend its regulations to provide (or pay for the provision of) necessary medical treatment to human subjects injured as a result of participation in VA research. All participants in research approved by a VA Research and Development Committee and conducted by VA employees would be eligible for such treatment, even if the research was funded from sources other than the VA research appropriation. Experience suggests that the incidence of research-related injury is low, and therefore the additional costs of this policy will be minimal.
Timetable: Next Action Undetermined
Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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3294. ACCEPTANCE OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS; INDEMNIFICATION OF DEFAULT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4202; 38 CFR 4275; 38 CFR 4301; 38 CFR 4315; 38 CFR 4323
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/02/94	59 FR 9944
NPRM Comment Period End	05/02/94	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Leonard A. Levy
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RIN: 2900-AE60

3295. REVISED DEFINITION OF NET VALUE AND REVISED CRITERIA FOR PRE-FORECLOSURE DEBT WAIVERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4301; 38 CFR 36.4323

VA

Long-Term Actions

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/22/93	58 FR 49251
NPRM Comment Period End	10/22/93	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Len Levy
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RIN: 2900-AG20

3296. VETERANS' EDUCATION; VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT OF 1992 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1993 IN THE POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.5023; 38 CFR 21.5058; 38 CFR 21.5145; 38 CFR 21.5232; 38 CFR 21.5250; 38 CFR 21.5270

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
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RIN: 2900-AG23

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

3297. • LOAN GUARANTY FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 40122; 42 USC 1364; 42 USC 1365; 42 USC 4128

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4222; 38 CFR 36.4326; 38 CFR 36.4402; 38 CFR 36.4500; 38 CFR 36.4512; 38 CFR 36.4600

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs is amending its loan guaranty regulations to comply with certain provisions of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, title V of Public Law 103-325. These amendments strengthen requirements for procuring and maintaining flood insurance on properties which secure

loans guaranteed or made by VA and which are located in areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards. The amendments also include new procedural requirements for VA to follow in making, servicing, or selling loans, which Public Law 103-325 requires all "Federal agency lenders" to incorporate into regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Judith Caden, Assistant Director for Loan Policy (264), Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420
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RIN: 2900-AH63

3298. • LOAN GUARANTY: ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF FUNDING FEE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4312

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: VA is proposing to require that all funding fee collections be made electronically through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) program. The ACH program is designed to provide VA-approved lenders the opportunity to use their mainframe and personal computers to authorize electronically the payment of VA funding fees instead of sending checks and the funding fee transmittal form by mail.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Juith Caden, Assistant Director for Loan Policy (264), Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420
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RIN: 2900-AH73

3299. APPEALS REGULATIONS; RULES OF PRACTICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 19.3 (Revision); 38 CFR 19.10; 38 CFR 19.15 (Revision); 38 CFR 19.39; 38 CFR 20.3; 38 CFR 20.101 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.102 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.201 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.605 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.609 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.903 (Revision); 38 CFR 20.1000; 38 CFR 20.1001; 38 CFR 20.1002; 38 CFR 20.1100 (Revision); ...

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/03/92	57 FR 4131
NPRM Comment Period End	03/04/92	
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AE78

3300. RULES OF PRACTICE; HEARINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 20.3; 38 CFR 20.700; 38 CFR 20.702; 38 CFR 20.703; 38 CFR 20.704; 38 CFR 20.707; 38 CFR 20.710; 38 CFR 20.711; 38 CFR 20.713; 38 CFR 20.714; 38 CFR 20.716; 38 CFR 20.717; 38 CFR 20.1003; 38 CFR 2.1; 38 CFR 19.75

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Steven L. Keller
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RIN: 2900-AG07

3301. APPEALS REGULATIONS; RULES OF PRACTICE; BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 19; 38 CFR 20

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

VA **Long-Term Actions**

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 2900-AH16

3302. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX UNDER FEDERALLY ASSISTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 18

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AB51

3303. OPERATION OF CHILD CARE CENTERS AT VA FACILITIES

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/27/89	54 FR 53078
NPRM Comment Period End	01/26/90	54 FR 53078
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Alan T. Maurer
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RIN: 2900-AD48

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) **Completed Actions**

3304. CONTRACT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCY DISORDERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.53(b)(1)(i); 38 CFR 17.53c(a)(1)(i)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	05/11/95	60 FR 25191

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AG58

3305. VA HOMELESS PROVIDERS GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 17.700

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/27/95	60 FR 4653
Final Action Effective	02/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Roger J. Casey (111C)
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RIN: 2900-AG91

3306. EMPLOYEE FIDUCIARIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 0.735-21

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ronald Weaver
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RIN: 2900-AB50

3307. 1. VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER (VSO) TO SELECT AND APPOINT OR RECOMMEND FOR APPOINTMENT THE PERSON OR LEGAL ENTITY TO RECEIVE BENEFITS IN A FIDUCIARY CAPACITY 2. DIRECT PAYMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 13.55; 38 CFR 13.56

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ronald Weaver
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RIN: 2900-AB75

3308. 1. PAYMENT TO THE WIFE OR HUSBAND OF AN INCOMPETENT VETERAN 2. LEGAL CUSTODIAN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 13.57; 38 CFR 13.58

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Ronald Weaver
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RIN: 2900-AB76

3309. APPORTIONMENT OF BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS; PAYMENT OF COST OF VETERAN'S MAINTENANCE IN INSTITUTION; RECOMMENDATION FOR PAYMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 13.70; 38 CFR 13.71; 38 CFR 13.74

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: Ronald C. Weaver
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RIN: 2900-AC10

3310. FULL DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIARY'S INCOME AND ASSETS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 13.58(b)(2)(iii); 38 CFR 13.59(a); 38 CFR 13.100(a)(1); 38 CFR 13.102(b); 38 CFR 13.104(a)

VA **Completed Actions**

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/06/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Ronald Weaver
 Phone: 202 275-5249
RIN: 2900-AD35

3311. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE GYNECOLOGICAL SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.116; 38 CFR 4.116(a)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/21/95	60 FR 19851
Final Action Effective	05/22/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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3312. SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES—THE HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.117

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/22/95	60 FR 49225
Final Action Effective	10/23/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AF02

3313. LINE OF DUTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.1; 38 CFR 3.301

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/24/95	60 FR 27407
Final Action Effective	11/01/90	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Lorna Weston
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RIN: 2900-AF03

3314. RESERVISTS' EDUCATION; THE PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS ACT OF 1991 AND THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL—SELECTED RESERVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7636

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - merged with 2900-AE43	07/26/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AF33

3315. LOAN GUARANTY: IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAWS 102-547, 103-66, 103-78, 103-325, 103-353, AND 103-446

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 36.4203; 38 CFR 36.4223; 38 CFR 36.4231; 38 CFR 36.4232; 38 CFR 36.4243; 38 CFR 36.4254; 38 CFR 36.4302; 38 CFR 36.4306; 38 CFR 36.4311; 38 CFR 36.4312; 38 CFR 36.4320; 38 CFR 36.4336

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/26/95	60 FR 38256
Final Action Effective	08/25/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AG14

3316. RESERVISTS' EDUCATION; IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT OF 1992 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1993

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7520; 38 CFR 21.7550; 38 CFR 21.7620; 38 CFR 21.7631; 38 CFR 21.7635; 38 CFR 21.7636; 38 CFR 21.7639; 38 CFR 21.7642; 38 CFR 21.7645; 38 CFR 21.7670; 38 CFR 21.7672; 38 CFR 21.7673; 38 CFR 21.7700; 38 CFR 21.7720; 38 CFR 21.7722

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - merged with 2900-AE43	07/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
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RIN: 2900-AG24

3317. REVISION OF DECISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.105(a)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	03/03/95	

Small Entities Affected: None
Government Levels Affected: None
Agency Contact: Don England
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RIN: 2900-AG32

3318. DEPENDENTS' AND VETERANS' EDUCATION: MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4136; 38 CFR 21.4137; 38 CFR 21.4234; 38 CFR 21.4253; 38 CFR 21.4262; 38 CFR 21.7042; 38 CFR 21.7139

VA

Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/21/95	60 FR 32271
Final Action Effective	07/21/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
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RIN: 2900-AG63

3319. DISABILITY OR DEATH DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION, ETC

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.800(a)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	05/11/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul Trowbridge
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RIN: 2900-AG84

3320. EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.202(c); 38 CFR 3.204(b); 38 CFR 3.205(a); 38 CFR 3.207(b); 38 CFR 3.209; 38 CFR 3.210; 38 CFR 3.211

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/07/95	60 FR 46531
Final Action Effective	09/07/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steve Thornberry
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RIN: 2900-AG85

3321. CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 4.88

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/19/95	60 FR 37012
Final Action Effective	07/19/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Caroll McBrine, M.D.
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RIN: 2900-AG86

3322. RESERVISTS' EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7540; 38 CFR 21.7670; 38 CFR 21.7722

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN	08/08/95	
		2900-AE43

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
Phone: 202 273-7187

RIN: 2900-AG96

3323. FURTHER INCREASES IN RATES PAYABLE IN THE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TEST PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.5820; 38 CFR 21.5822

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/07/95	60 FR 46538
Final Action Effective	09/07/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
Phone: 202 273-7187

RIN: 2900-AG98

3324. CLAIMS BASED ON EXPOSURE TO IONIZING RADIATION (LYMPHOMAS OTHER THAN HODGKIN'S DISEASE AND CANCER OF THE RECTUM)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.311

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/95	60 FR 53276
Final Action Effective	10/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Lorna Weston
Phone: 202 273-7210

RIN: 2900-AG99

3325. DISEASE SUBJECT TO PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION (RADIATION RISK ACTIVITY)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.309

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/14/95	60 FR 31250
Final Action Effective	11/02/94	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Lorna Weston
Phone: 202 273-7210

RIN: 2900-AH04

3326. CLAIMS BASED ON EXPOSURE TO IONIZING RADIATION (RADIOGENIC DISEASES)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.311

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/21/95	60 FR 9627
Final Action Effective	09/01/94	

Small Entities Affected: None

VA **Completed Actions**

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Steve Thornberry
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RIN: 2900-AH07

3327. VETERANS EDUCATION: QUALIFYING FOR THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY THROUGH SERVICE IN THE SELECTED RESERVES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7042; 38 CFR 21.7044

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 2900-AH25	07/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
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RIN: 2900-AH08

3328. SPECIAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION RATINGS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.350

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/09/95	60 FR 12866
Final Action Effective	03/09/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul Trowbridge
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RIN: 2900-AH09

3329. VETERANS EDUCATION: TIME LIMITS FOR MATRICULATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.4252

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No change will be made to this regulation	11/03/94	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June Schaeffer
Phone: 202 273-7187

RIN: 2900-AH13

3330. RESERVIST EDUCATION: INCREASE IN RATES PAYABLE UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL—SELECTED RESERVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7636

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN 2900-AE43	07/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
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RIN: 2900-AH15

3331. REDUCTIONS AND DISCONTINUANCES (FEDERAL EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.500(e)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Covered under RIN 2900-AH29	02/20/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Lorna Weston
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RIN: 2900-AH20

3332. NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE (NSLI) HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 8.23

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/01/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Gregory Hosmer (29)
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RIN: 2900-AH22

3333. VETERANS EDUCATION: ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL (ACTIVE DUTY)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7042

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/24/95	60 FR 20035
Final Action Effective	12/18/89	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: June C. Schaeffer
Phone: 202 273-7187

RIN: 2900-AH25

3334. REDUCTIONS AND DISCONTINUANCES (FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 3.500

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/21/95	60 FR 9626
Final Action Effective	02/21/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Lorna Weston
Phone: 202 273-7210

RIN: 2900-AH29

3335. RESERVISTS EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1994

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 21.7520; 38 CFR 21.7700; 38 CFR 21.7620

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3336. REDESIGNATION OF AUTHORITY CITATION AND OTHER REFERENCES**Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 21.4005; 38 CFR 21.4009; 38 CFR 21.4020; 38 CFR 21.4022; 38 CFR 21.4134; 38 CFR 21.4136; 38 CFR 21.4137; 38 CFR 21.4151; 38 CFR 21.4201; 38 CFR 21.4206; 38 CFR 21.4207; 38 CFR 21.4209; 38 CFR 21.4251; 38 CFR 21.4263; 38 CFR 21.7042; ...**Completed:**

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Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** June C. Schaeffer
Phone: 202 273-7187**RIN:** 2900-AH34**3337. VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1994****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 2.67; 38 CFR 3.5; 38 CFR 3.8; 38 CFR 3.100; 38 CFR 3.106; 38 CFR 3.251; 38 CFR 3.261; 38 CFR 3.262; 38 CFR 3.272; 38 CFR 3.400; 38 CFR 3.702; 38 CFR 3.1600**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/11/95	60 FR 18354
Final Action Effective	11/02/94	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Trowbridge
Phone: 202 273-7210**RIN:** 2900-AH36**3338. SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PAYABLE UNDER SECTION 156 OF PL 97-377****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 3.812**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/27/95	60 FR 20642
Final Action Effective	04/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Trowbridge
Phone: 202 273-7210**RIN:** 2900-AH37**3339. EXAMINATIONS****Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 3.157; 38 CFR 3.326; 38 CFR 3.327; 38 CFR 3.352**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/24/95	60 FR 27409
Final Action Effective	11/02/94	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Trowbridge
Phone: 202 273-7210**RIN:** 2900-AH38**3340. RETIRED RESERVIST SERVICE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 9.1; 38 CFR 9.2**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/27/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jeanne Derrick
Phone: 215 951-5711**RIN:** 2900-AH40**3341. • REINSTATEMENT OF BENEFITS ELIGIBLE BASED UPON TERMINATED MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501(a)**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 3.55**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend 38 CFR 3.55 to make it conform to section 103 of Public Law 102-568.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/11/95	60 FR 52862
Final Action Effective	10/11/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Regulations Staff (211B), Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420
Phone: 202 273-7210**RIN:** 2900-AH67**3342. RULES OF PRACTICE: WAIVER OF CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE BY AGENCY OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 20.1304(c)**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/15/95	60 FR 25850
Final Action Effective	05/15/95	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Steven Keller (01C)
Phone: 202 565-5978**RIN:** 2900-AH47**3343. • RULES OF PRACTICE— ADVANCEMENT ON THE DOCKET****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 38 USC 7107(a)**CFR Citation:** 38 CFR 20.900(c) (Revision)**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Board of Veterans' Appeals is amending its appeals regulations and rules of practice to provide that a case may be advanced on the docket in the case of administrative error or change in

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administrative procedure which results in significant delay in docketing the appeal. The intended effect of this amendment is to provide relief for appellants whose cases have been significantly delayed because of administrative error.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/04/95	60 FR 51922
Final Action Effective	10/04/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3344. • CONTRACT APPEALS BOARD REGULATIONS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 41 USC 321; 41 USC 322; 38 USC 501

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.770 to 1.776; 38 CFR 2.5; 38 CFR 2.62 to 2.65a

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action removes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations concerning appeals from decisions of contracting officers. These regulations concerned appeals to the VA Contract Appeals Board (VACAB). Prior to 1978, contract disputes were resolved by the VACAB. However, the VACAB was superseded and subsumed into the VA Board of Contract Appeals (VABCA). The VACAB's functions were to be phased out. The last VACAB appeal was docketed in 1986, and the phase-out has been completed. Hence, the VACAB regulations are no longer needed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/18/95	60 FR 48029
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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AH69

3345. • BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS: RULES OF THE BOARD

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: PL 103-355

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.783

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the rules of the VA Board of Contract Appeals concerning optional small claims (expedited) and accelerated procedures. The maximum jurisdictional amount of \$10,000 is changed to \$50,000 for cases in which an appellant may elect to have an appeal processed under the small claims (expedited) procedures. Also, the maximum jurisdictional amount of \$50,000 is changed to \$100,000 for cases in which an appellant may elect to have an appeal processed under the accelerated procedures. These amendments merely reflect statutory changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/18/95	60 FR 48028
Final Action Effective	09/18/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 2900-AH71

3346. FOIA: RECEIPT OF ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED FACSIMILE REQUEST OR APPEAL; TIME LIMIT ON RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL; AND NO RECORD AS ADVERSE DETERMINATION

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.519; 38 CFR 1.553; 38 CFR 1.557

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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3347. CONTACT PERSON FOR MISSING CHILDREN: OFFICIAL MAIL PROGRAM

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.701; 38 CFR 1.702; 38 CFR 1.703; 38 CFR 1.705

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Final Action	09/19/95	60 FR 48387

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3348. WAIVER: ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 38 CFR 1.963(a)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/95	60 FR 53275
Final Action Effective	10/13/95	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 2900-AG94

3349. INTEREST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

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