DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0194]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of a Currently- Approved Information Collection: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invites public comment. The FMCSA requests approval to renew an ICR titled, “Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority.” that is used by for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, property brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to register their operations with the FMCSA.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before October 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2016–0194 using any of the following methods:


4. Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

5. Background: The FMCSA registers certain for-hire Mexico-domiciled motor...
carriers under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c). These motor carriers may conduct transportation services in the United States only if they are registered with the FMCSA. Each registration is effective from the date specified and remains in effect for such period as the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) determines by regulations. The ICC Termination Act of 1995 (ICTTA), Public Law 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (December 29, 1995), transferred this registration authority from the former Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to the Secretary, who subsequently delegated the registration function to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (FMCSA’s predecessor agency), then to the FMCSA at the time that agency was created.

On March 19, 2002, the FMCSA published an interim final rule (IFR) at 67 FR 12702 which proposed to amend 49 CFR part 365 and revise Form OP–1(MX). Under the amended regulations, Mexico-domiciled long-haul motor carriers seeking to operate within the United States beyond the commercial border zones, including carriers that previously filed pending Form OP–1(MX) applications, would be required to submit the revised Form OP–1(MX). Under the revised Form OP–1(MX), the FMCSA would collect more detailed information on an applicant motor carrier’s size, operations and history than could be collected previously by using the existing form.

The Final Rule titled, “Unified Registration System,” (78 FR 52608) dated August 14, 2013, implemented statutory provisions for an on-line registration system in the ICCTA and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, 2005 (SAFETEA–LU). The URS would streamline the registration process and serve as a clearinghouse and repository of information on, and identification of, motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, intermodal equipment providers (IEPs), hazardous materials safety permit (HMSP) applicants, and cargo tank facilities required to register with FMCSA. This ICR previously covered registration requirements for non-exempt for-hire carriers, freight forwarders, and property brokers. Under the URS, all forms, except the OP–1(MX), in this ICR were folded into the Form MCSA–1 in the OMB Control Number 2126–0051 titled, “FMCSA Registration/Updates.” ICR on October 23, 2013. The Form OP–1(MX) would be retained for the small number of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers that seek authority to operate beyond the United States municipalities on the United States-Mexico border and their commercial zones because they are not included within the scope of the URS rule.

The Final Rule titled, “Unified Registration System,” (80 FR 63695) dated October 21, 2015, changed the effective and compliance dates of the 2013 URS Final Rule from October 23, 2015, to September 30, 2016, in order to allow FMCSA additional time to complete the information technology (IT) systems work required to fully implement that rule. An additional delay was published on July 28, 2016 (81 FR 49553), stating the URS Final Rule will come into effect on January 14, 2017. This ICR revision will restore the Forms OP–1, OP–1(P), OP–1(FF), and OP–1(NNA) under control number 2126–0016, until January 14, 2017, because these forms are still needed to support registration processes for entities subject to FMCSA’s regulations. After January 14, 2017, all forms in this ICR, except the OP–1(MX), will be folded into the online Form MCSA–1 under the OMB Control Number 2126–0051 titled, “FMCSA Registration/Updates.” ICR.

Title: Licensing Applications for Motor Carrier Operating Authority.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0016.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Motor carriers, motor passenger carriers, freight forwarders, brokers, and certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Responses: 36 respondents [(12 respondents and responses for Year 1) + (12 respondents and responses for Year 2) + (12 respondents and responses for Year 3)].

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2016.

Frequency of Response: Other (as needed).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 48 hours [48 hours for Year 1 + 48 hours for Year 2 + 48 hours for Year 3 + 33 hours/year approval for ICR = 48 estimated average number of annual burden hours].

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: August 1, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Maritime Administration

Agency Requests for Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection(s): Merchant Marine Medals and Awards

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information collected will be used by MARAD personnel to process and verify requests for service awards. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT–MARAD–2016–0076] through one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
• Fax: 1–202–493–2251.
• Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2133–0506.

Title: Merchant Marine Medals and Awards.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: This information collection of information provides a