Summarized from the Federal Register:

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**Type of Review:** Extension of an approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21–8940 is used by veterans to apply for increased VA disability compensation based on the inability to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation due to service connected disabilities. Without the information, entitlement to individual unemployability benefits could not be determined.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 18,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 45 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

** Estimated Number of Respondents:** 24,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Title:** Veteran’s Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability (VA Form 8940).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0404.
Action: Notice.

Summary: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

Dates: Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2017.

Addresses: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.regulations.gov or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0810” in any correspondence.

Supplementary Information:
Title: (Back (Thoracolumbar Spine) Conditions Disability Benefits Questionnaire (VA Form 21–0960M–14).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0808.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Abstract: VA Forms 21–0960M–14 is used to gather necessary information from a claimant’s treating physician regarding the results of medical examinations.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at Vol. 81, No. 250, Thursday, December 29, 2016, page 96202.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Annual Burden: 37,500.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 45 minutes.
Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

By direction of the Secretary.
Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0655]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review (Residency Verification Report—Veterans and Survivors (FL 21–914))

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: (Foot Conditions Including Flatfoot (Pes Planus) Disability Benefits Questionnaire (VA Form 21–0960M–6).

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

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Supplementary Information:
Title: (Foot Conditions Including Flatfoot (Pes Planus) Disability Benefits Questionnaire (VA Form 21–0960M–6).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0810.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Abstract: VA Forms 21–0960M–6 is used to gather necessary information from a claimant’s treating physician regarding the results of medical examinations.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at Vol. 81, No. 250, Thursday, December 29, 2016, pages 96201 and 96202.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Annual Burden: 40,000.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.
Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

By direction of the Secretary.
Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0810]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: (Foot Conditions Including Flatfoot (Pes Planus) Disability Benefits Questionnaire (VA Form 21–0960M–6).

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

Dates: Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2017.

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Supplementary Information:
Title: (Back (Thoracolumbar Spine) Conditions Disability Benefits Questionnaire (VA Form 21–0960M–14).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0808.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Abstract: VA Forms 21–0960M–14 is used to gather necessary information from a claimant’s treating physician regarding the results of medical examinations.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at Vol. 81, No. 250, Thursday, December 29, 2016, page 96202.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Estimated Annual Burden: 37,500.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 45 minutes.
Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

By direction of the Secretary.
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