SGA Amount for Statutorily Blind Individuals

Multiplying the 1994 monthly SGA amount for statutorily blind individuals ($930) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 ($48,642.15) to that for 1992 ($22,935.42) produces $1,972.37. We then round this amount to $1,970. Because $1,970 exceeds the current amount of $1,950, the monthly SGA amount for statutorily blind individuals is $1,970 for 2018.

SGA Amount for Non-Blind Disabled Individuals

Multiplying the 2000 monthly SGA amount for non-blind individuals ($700) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 ($48,642.15) to that for 1998 ($28,861.44) produces $1,179.76. We then round this amount to $1,180. Because $1,180 exceeds the current amount of $1,170, the monthly SGA amount for non-blind disabled individuals is $1,180 for 2018.

Trial Work Period Earnings Threshold

General

During a trial work period of 9 months in a rolling 60-month period, a beneficiary receiving Social Security disability benefits may test his or her ability to work and still receive monthly benefit payments. To be considered a trial work period month, earnings must be over a certain level. In 2018, any month in which earnings exceed $850 is considered a month of services for an individual’s trial work period.

Computation

The method used to determine the new amount is set forth in our regulations at 20 CFR 404.1592(b). Monthly earnings in 2018, used to determine whether a month is part of a trial work period, is the larger of: (1) The amount for 2001 ($530) multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 to that for 1999; or (2) the amount for 2017. If the amount so calculated is not a multiple of $100, we round it to the next lower multiple of $100.

Tryal Work Period Earnings Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 2001 monthly earnings threshold ($530) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 ($48,642.15) to that for 1999 ($30,469.84) produces $846.09. We then round this amount to $850. Because $850 exceeds the current amount of $840, the monthly earnings threshold is $850 for 2018.

Domestic Employee Coverage Threshold

General

The minimum amount a domestic worker must earn so that such earnings are covered under Social Security or Medicare is the domestic employee coverage threshold. For 2018, this threshold is $2,100. Section 3121(x) of the Internal Revenue Code provides the formula for increasing the threshold.

Computation

Under the formula, the domestic employee coverage threshold for 2018 is equal to the 1995 amount of $1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 to that for 1993. If the resulting amount is not a multiple of $100, we round it to the next lower multiple of $100.

Domestic Employee Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1995 domestic employee coverage threshold ($1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 ($48,642.15) to that for 1993 ($23,132.57) produces $2,102.75. We then round this amount to $2,100. Therefore, the domestic employee coverage threshold amount is $2,100 for 2018.

Election Official and Election Worker Coverage Threshold

General

The minimum amount an election official and election worker must earn so that the earnings are covered under Social Security or Medicare is the election official and election worker coverage threshold. For 2018, this threshold is $1,800. Section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Act provides the formula for increasing the threshold.

Computation

Under the formula, the election official and election worker coverage threshold for 2018 is equal to the 1999 amount of $1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 to that for 1997. If the amount we determine is not a multiple of $100, it we round it to the nearest multiple of $100.

Election Official and Election Worker Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1999 coverage threshold amount ($1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2016 ($48,642.15) to that for 1997 ($27,456.60) produces $1,773.58. We then round this amount to $1,800. Therefore, the election official and election worker coverage threshold amount is $1,800 for 2018.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income)

Nancy A. Berryhill,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10216]

Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal of the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services (IPoDS).

This notice announces the renewal of the charter or the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services (IPoDS). In accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 109–435) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Committee’s charter has been extended until November 14, 2019.

The Department of State uses the IPoDS Committee to keep informed of the interests and problems of users and providers of international postal and delivery services. In addition to representative members from affected stakeholder groups, the Committee also includes Federal members from the Department of Commerce, the Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the Postal Regulatory Commission, the Military Postal Service Agency, and the United States Postal Service. Members are appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shereece Robinson of the Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies (IO/STA), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at tel. (202) 663–2649, by email at RobinsonSA2@state.gov or by mail at IO/STA, L409 (SA1); Department of
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10217]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to February 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Web: Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2017–0044” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

• Email: watkinspk@state.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph P. Murphy,
Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services, Department of State.

Alyson Grunder,

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• Title of Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

• OMB Control Number: 1405–0193.

• Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
• Originating Office: Office of Directives Management, A/GIS/DIR.
• Form Number: Various public surveys.
• Respondents: Individuals responding to Department of State customer service evaluation requests.
• Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000,000.
• Estimated Number of Responses: 1,000,000.
• Average Time Per Response: 3.5 minutes.
• Total Estimated Burden Time: 58,333 annual hours.
• Frequency: Once per request.
• Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
• Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The “30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” was published on June 22, 2017 (82 FR 28543), and renewed with a new expiration date of 7–31–2020. The publication of this Federal Register notice increases the number of respondents from 325,000 to 1,000,000 to continue to allow the Department to collect qualitative customer feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery.

Methodology

Respondents will fill out a brief customer survey after completing their interaction with a Department Program Office or Embassy. Surveys are designed to gather feedback on the customer’s experiences.

Janet Freer,
Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10230]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Ten Americans: After Paul Klee” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “Ten Americans: After Paul Klee,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Phillips Collection, Washington, District of Columbia, from on or about February 3, 2018, until on or about May 6, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


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