

which this request for information could be modified to reduce the burden on respondents.

### Information Collection Requirement

OMB Control Number 1652-0027; Security Threat Assessment for Individuals Applying for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License, 49 CFR part 1572. TSA is requesting an extension of the currently approved ICR. The currently approved ICR supports implementation of 49 U.S.C. 5103a,<sup>1</sup> which mandates that no State or the District of Columbia may issue a HME on a CDL unless TSA has first determined that the driver is not a threat to transportation security.

TSA's implementing regulations (codified at 49 CFR part 1572) describe the procedures, standards, and eligibility criteria for STAs on individuals seeking to obtain, renew, or transfer a HME on a CDL. To conduct the STA for the HME, States (or a TSA-designated agent in States that elect to have TSA perform the collection of information) must collect additional information beyond that already collected for the purpose of HME applications (which occur approximately once every five years). The driver is required to submit an application that includes personal biographic information (driver's legal name, current and previous mailing addresses, date of birth, gender, height, weight, eye and hair color, city/state/country of birth, social security number (optional)); information concerning immigration status, mental incapacity; criminal history; and biometrics such as fingerprints.

States or the TSA agent must also submit whether the driver is a new applicant or applying to renew or transfer the HME. This information is necessary for TSA to forecast driver retention, transfer rate, and drop rate to help improve customer service, and reduce program costs. It is also necessary to provide comparability with other Federal background checks, including the Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC).

In addition, the ICR includes the collection of information to expand enrollment options and the potential use of biographic and biometric (e.g., fingerprints, iris scans, and/or photo) information for additional comparability determinations. An example of a comparable determination could be

allowing the HME applicant to participate in a program such as the TSA Pre✓® Application Program, TSA's trusted traveler program for air travelers, without requiring an additional background check. This type of comparability determination is currently allowed in tandem with the (TWIC). States have the option to allow for HME STA comparability with the TWIC STA, and applicants in States that allow comparability pay a reduced fee to obtain an HME STA if they already hold a TWIC.

When the STA is complete, TSA makes a final determination on eligibility for the HME and notifies applicants of its decision. Most applicants will receive notification from TSA within two to three weeks of the submission of their completed applications. If initially deemed ineligible by TSA, applicants will have an opportunity to apply for an appeal or waiver. Applicants must submit an application for appeal or waiver within 60 days of issuance of TSA's letter. If an application for appeal or waiver is not received by TSA within the specified amount of time, the agency may make a final determination to deny eligibility. Individuals who TSA determines are ineligible for the HME Threat Assessment Program (HTAP) will be ineligible to hold a state-issued HME on their CDL.

The currently approved ICR also includes an optional survey to gather information regarding the driver's overall customer satisfaction with the service received at the enrollment center utilized by the TSA agent states. The optional survey will be administered at the end of the in-person enrollment service. Please note that the optional survey is only provided for drivers who enroll with a State serviced by TSA's designated enrollment contractor.

TSA estimates an annualized 229,743 respondents will apply for an HME, and that the application and background check process will involve 443,698 annualized hours. TSA estimates that of the 229,743 annualized respondents, 38,923 HME applicants will respond to the customer survey with annualized burden hours of 1,622. The applicant fee remains \$86.50, which covers TSA's program costs, TSA's enrollment vendor's costs, and the FBI fee for the criminal history records check. For applicants in States that allow comparability, the reduced fee remains \$67.00.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0014]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Affidavit of Support

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.* the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until June 4, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0014 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2006-0072. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only *one* of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <http://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2006-0072;

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140, telephone

<sup>1</sup> Which codified sec. 1012 of Public Law 107-56 (115 Stat. 272, 396, Oct. 26, 2001). Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001.

number 202-272-8377 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2006-0072 in the search box. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Affidavit of Support.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-134; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. Visa applicants use this information collection to demonstrate that they have sponsorship and will not become public charges while in the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-134 is 2,500 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.5 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 3,750 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$10,625.

Dated: March 30, 2018.

**Samantha Deshommes,**

Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-WSFR-2018-N043;  
FF09W25000-178-FXGO166409WSFR0;  
OMB Control Number 1018-0100]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Administrative Procedures for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Financial Assistance Programs

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 4, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0100 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information on October 10, 2017 (82 FR 47018). No comments were received in response to that notice.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents,