DATES: Approval by the OMB has been requested by May 21, 2018. A regular clearance process is also hereby being initiated. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2018–ICCD–0060. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216–34, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Temporary Expansion of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TE–PSLF).

OMB Control Number: 1845—NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10,899.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,390.

Abstract: This is a request for an emergency clearance to enable FSA to ensure that the required operational changes can be implemented to allow for the benefits to be available to federal student loan borrowers as well as to remain in compliance with the statutory requirements.

Section 315 of Title III, Division H in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, (Pub. L. 115–141) included a provision for ED to implement “...a simple method for borrowers to apply for loan cancellation...” under a temporary expansion of the PSLF program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, required ED to implement an application process within 60 days of enactment. To meet that requirement, we are requesting emergency clearance by May 21, 2018. We are also requesting the initiation of the full clearance review to allow for public comment on the process. ED is requesting a new collection to be used to obtain information from federal student loan borrowers to make a determination of their eligibility for participation in the loan forgiveness mandated by the new appropriations law. This loan forgiveness is only available to Direct Loan borrowers who otherwise qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and meet other new requirements.

Additional Information: An emergency clearance approval for the use of the system is described below due to the following conditions:

- This is a request for an emergency clearance to enable FSA to ensure that the required operational changes can be implemented to allow for the benefits to be available to federal student loan borrowers as well as to remain in compliance with the statutory requirements.

Dated: May 21, 2018.

Kate Mullan,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

For further information, contact Francisco Ramirez. Telephone: (202) 660–5471. Email: K12EmergencyImpactAid@ed.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Extension of Deadlines for Transmittal of Applications; Hurricane Education Recovery

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; extension of deadlines.

SUMMARY: On April 25, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) published in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of funds and application deadlines for the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students (Emergency Impact Aid) and the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth programs under Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII “Hurricane Education Recovery,” of Public Law 115–123, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.” This notice extends the original May 25, 2018 deadlines for State educational agency (SEA) transmittal of both applications to June 4, 2018. In addition, this notice extends the original May 15, 2018 deadline for local educational agencies (LEAs) to submit applications to SEAs under the Emergency Impact Aid program to May 25, 2018.


Deadline for Transmittal of SEA Application for the Homeless Children and Youth program: June 4, 2018.

Deadline for LEAs to submit applications to SEAs under the Emergency Impact Aid program: May 25, 2018. An SEA may establish additional reasonable deadlines to collect necessary revisions from LEAs, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and non-public schools, to facilitate submission of SEA final application amendments by July 20, 2018.

Deadline for LEAs to submit applications to SEAs under the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth program: There is no statutory deadline for LEA applications under this program. Each eligible SEA will set a reasonable deadline for the submission of LEA applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on the Emergency Impact Aid program, please contact Francisco Ramirez. Telephone: (202) 660–5471. Email: K12EmergencyImpactAid@ed.gov. For additional information on the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth program, please contact Beth Grebeldinger.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 25, 2018, we published in the Federal Register (83 FR 18015) a notice announcing availability of funds and application deadlines for the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students (Emergency Impact Aid) and the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth programs under Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII, “Hurricane Education Recovery,” of Public Law 115–123, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.” This notice extends the deadlines for transmittal of both applications. In addition, this notice clarifies and extends the deadline for SEAs to submit application amendments affecting allocations under the Emergency Impact Aid program, including any updated enrollment data generally for any quarter and any previously unreported fourth quarter data for the 2017–18 school year. Further, this notice clarifies that SEAs may establish additional reasonable deadlines to collect any necessary revisions from LEAs, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and non-public schools for any final application amendments. If an SEA is ready to submit its initial Emergency Impact Aid application by the original May 25 deadline, it may still do so, as the Department plans to begin reviewing applications as soon as they are received and to process payments on a rolling basis. Except as detailed in this notice, all other requirements and conditions stated in the notice announcing availability of funds remain the same.

Additional information about the Emergency Impact Aid and the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth programs is available on the Department’s website at www.ed.gov/disasterrelief.

Exemption from Rulemaking: These programs are exempt from the rulemaking requirements in section 437 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232) and section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553), as established in Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII, “Hurricane Education Recovery” paragraph (6), of Public Law 115–123, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.”

Program Authority: Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII of Public Law 115–123, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.”

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Jason Botel,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0032]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested information in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B).

OMB Control Number: 1894–0003.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,300.