

Federal funds. This questionnaire is designed to identify those potential recipients and provide appropriate training or additional safeguards for Federal funds. Additionally, the questionnaire serves as a pre-audit function in identifying potential deficiencies and minimizing the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement, which we use in lieu of a more costly and time consuming formal pre-award audit.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-21-0010; NARA-2021-037]

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on *regulations.gov* for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

**DATES:** NARA must receive comments by September 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by the following method. You must cite the control number, which appears on the records schedule in parentheses after the name of the agency that submitted the schedule.

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Due to COVID-19 building closures, we are currently temporarily not accepting comments by mail. However, if you are unable to comment via *regulations.gov*, you may contact [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Keravuori, Regulatory and External Policy Program Manager, by email at [regulation\\_comments@nara.gov](mailto:regulation_comments@nara.gov). For information about records schedules, contact Records Management

Operations by email at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov), by mail at the address above, or by phone at 301-837-1799.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule.

We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov* docket for this notice as “other” documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we will post on *regulations.gov* a “Consolidated Reply” summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we have made to the proposed records schedule. We will then send the schedule for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have

to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

### Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA’s approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records’ administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government’s activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist’s consideration process.

### Schedules Pending

1. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Ombuds Program Records (DAA-0167-2021-0001).

2. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Peer Review Records (DAA-0443-2021-0001).

3. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management

Agency, Trip Instruction and Assistance Reports (DAA-0311-2021-0002).

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2021-039]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We have submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval to continue to collect information used by registrants or other authorized individuals to request information from or copies of Selective Service System (SSS) records. We invite you to comment on this proposed information collection.

**DATES:** OMB must receive written comments on or before September 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send any comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection in writing to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). You can find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tamee Fechhelm, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, by email at [tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov) or by telephone at 301.837.1694 with any requests for additional information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. We published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on May 10, 2021 (86 FR 24900) and we received one comment. The commenter stated, “I am a professional genealogist and I frequently research elusive individuals who lived in the 20th century. These selective service records are immensely useful, because they cover nearly all males, but they are very inaccessible because they can only be found if the individual’s exact address is known. The form necessarily requires address, because

that is how the records are organized. However, this impacts my ability to do my job because it renders the vital documents unusable if the registrant moved around and I cannot pinpoint exactly where he lived. I hope that NARA prioritizes either the indexing or digitization of these documents, so that they can be better utilized by the research community, thus not requiring the address to be known.”

We have considered this comment and provided a response to the commenter. Due to the size of the collection, we have no immediate plans to index the Records of the Selective Service System. However, a great number of the Draft Registration cards, including those from WWI (1917-1918) and WWII, have been digitized and are available online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), [fold3.com](http://fold3.com), and [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) (the latter two offer free memberships), which provide their own means of searching and tagging to aid people in finding the records. Once normal operations resume, records on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) can be viewed for free in National Archives Public Research Rooms with Public Access PCs. Prior to the pandemic, we discussed possibly digitizing the post-WWII Draft Registration cards, and hope to continue such discussions post-pandemic, once we resume normal operations. We appreciate the comment and will continue efforts to make records more accessible.

This comment does not change the purpose of the information collection or change the information we collect from researchers who are requesting access to archival records. We have therefore submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval. We will continue requesting as much record-identifying information from researchers as possible, pursuant to this information collection, to aid us in finding the documents researchers seek, including the SSS records this researcher mentions.

If you have comments or suggestions, they should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for NARA to properly perform its functions; (b) our estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection and its accuracy; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect; (d) ways we could minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through information technology; and (e) whether this collection affects small businesses.

In this notice, we solicit comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Selective Service System Record Request.

*OMB number:* 3095-0071.

*Agency form numbers:* NA Form 13172.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1,500.

*Estimated time per response:* 2 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 50.

*Abstract:* The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers the Selective Service System (SSS) records. The SSS records contain both classification records and registration cards of registrants born before January 1, 1960. When registrants or other authorized individuals request information from or copies of SSS records they must provide on forms or letters certain information about the registrant and the nature of the request. Requesters use NA Form 13172, Selective Service Record Request to obtain information from SSS records stored at NARA facilities.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 86 FR 40216, July 27, 2021.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** The National Science Board’s Committee on External Engagement teleconference meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2021, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. EDT.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The new date and time is July 30, 2021, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. EDT.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Chris Blair, 703/292-7000, [cblair@nsf.gov](mailto:cblair@nsf.gov).

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