

management system and then the form is sent to the Support Services Division (SSD) to process payment.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 27,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110,000 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0061]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Request and Authorization for Supplies and Direct Reimbursement (Chapter 31—Veteran Readiness and Employment)

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0061” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0061” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(7).

Title: Request and Authorization for Supplies and Direct Reimbursement (Chapter 31—Veteran Readiness and Employment).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0061.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 28-1905m, Request and Authorization for Supplies and Direct Reimbursement (Chapter 31—Veteran Readiness and Employment) serves as a request for supplies or equipment or apply for direct reimbursement for purchases of supplies and equipment as part of a rehabilitation program under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31. The training facility the Veteran attends, or the employer for whom the Veteran works, may also need to complete the form when the facility or employer requires specific types of supplies or equipment. Veterans may access the VAF 28-1905m from VA.gov or requesting the form from their assigned Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC). Veterans may return the completed VAF 28-1905m through centralized mail, via VR&E’s Electronic Virtual Assistant (e-VA), in-person, or emailing the form to their assigned VRC. There are no other invitations or other communications sent to the respondent

associated with the information collection. The VR&E staff subsequently uses the information on this form to approve the purchase of appropriate supplies and equipment or direct reimbursement for purchases of supplies and equipment for Veterans as part of a rehabilitation program. VAF 28-1905m allows Veterans in the VR&E program to receive supplies and equipment or be directly reimbursed for purchases of supplies and equipment that are necessary for the successful completion of their rehabilitation program.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 15,312 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,623 per year.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0657]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools

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 (VBA), 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: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open

for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0657.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email Maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0657” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3683; 38 CFR 21.4202(c); 21.5200(c); 21.7122(e)(6); and 21.7622(f)(4)(iv).

Title: Conflicting Interests Certification for Proprietary Schools, VA Form 22–1919.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0657.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized to pay education benefits to Veterans and other eligible persons pursuing approved programs of education under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, and 35 of title 38, U.S.C., and chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C., sections 903 of Public Law 96–342, the National Call to Service provision of Public Law 107–314, and the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986.

Schools are required to submit information necessary to determine if their programs of training are approved for the payment of VA educational assistance. This specified information is submitted either to VA or to the State Approving Agency (SAA) having jurisdiction over that school. Certain schools are considered “proprietary” schools. A proprietary educational institution, as defined in 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 21.4200(z), is a private institution legally authorized to offer a program of education in the state where the institution is physically located. Section 3683 of title 38, U.S.C., and sections of 38 CFR establish conflict of interest restrictions related to proprietary schools. The VA Form 22–

1919 is the instrument VA has implemented to address these restrictions.

(a) VA Form 22–1919 is only used to collect information on two issues:

(i) Section 3683 of title 38, U.S.C., prohibits employees of VA and the SAA from owning any interest in an educational institution operated for-profit. In addition, the law prohibits VA or SAA employees from receiving any wages, salary, dividends, profits, or gifts from private for-profit schools in which an eligible person is pursuing a program of education under an educational assistance program administered by VA. In addition, the law prohibits VA employees from receiving any services from these schools. These provisions may be waived if VA determines that no detriment will result to the government, or to Veterans or eligible persons enrolled at that private for-profit school. Item 1 of VA Form 22–1919 collects the name and title of affected VA and SAA employees known by the President (or Chief Administrative Official) of the school, as well as a description of these employees’ association with that school.

(ii) Sections 21.4202(c), 21.5200(c), 21.7122(e)(6), and 21.7622(f)(4)(iv) of title 38 of the CFR prohibit the approval of educational assistance from VA for the enrollment of a Veteran or eligible person in any proprietary school where the trainee is an official authorized to sign certifications of enrollment. Item 2 of VA Form 22–1919 collects the following information for each certifying official, owner, or officer who receives VA educational assistance based on an enrollment in that proprietary school: the name and title of these employees; VA file numbers; and dates of enrollment at the proprietary school.

(b) VA only collects this information at the time one (or more) of these events occurs:

(i) The initial approval of a program or course at a proprietary for-profit school;

(ii) Any change of ownership of the school (either reported by the school or found upon review of a school’s records during VA’s compliance survey);

(iii) A change in proprietary status (from non-proprietary to proprietary, or from non-profit to profit status). When the SAA, or VA acting as the SAA, visits the school in connection with the school’s request for approval of its program(s), the representative has either the school’s President or chief administrative official sign VA Form 22–1919. VA’s Education Liaison Representative (ELR) will associate the completed VA Form 22–1919 with the other documentation compiled for approval of the school’s program(s) and will retain this information in the approval folder. The approval folder is retained until such time as the SAA or VA withdraws approval of all courses at the school. All information in the approval folder is then destroyed according to established record control schedules.

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 88 FR 86732 on Thursday, December 14, 2023, Pages 86732–86733.

Affected Public: Institutions of Higher Learning.

Estimated Annual Burden: 39 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 236.

By direction of the Secretary.

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