

*Authority:* 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

**Keith Lynch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Electronic Filing of Form W-4

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning electronic filing of Form W-4.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 13, 2024 to be assured of consideration

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [pra.comments@irs.gov](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include OMB control number 1545-1435 or Electronic Filing of Form W-4.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Electronic Filing of Form W-4.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1435.

*Regulation Number:* T.D. 8706.

*Abstract:* Information is required by the Internal Revenue Service to verify compliance with regulation section 31.3402(f)(2)-1(g)(1), which requires submission to the Service of certain withholding exemption certificates. The affected respondents are employers that choose to make electronic filing of Forms W-4 available to their employees.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not for-profit institutions, and Federal, State, local or Tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 160,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .25 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: March 7, 2024.

**Kerry L. Dennis,**

*Tax Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Open Meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Financial Research Advisory Committee for the Treasury's

Office of Financial Research (OFR) is convening for its 22nd meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, in the Cash Room, Main Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will be open to the public and limited seating will be available.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Cash Room, Main Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public via live webcast at <https://usdotyorktel.rev.vbrick.com/#/events/db5886d0-5874-4f44-a344-d1672cb2f78a>. A limited number of seats will be available for those interested in attending the meeting in person, and those seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the meeting will be held in a secured facility, members of the public who plan to attend the meeting MUST contact the OFR by email at [OFR\\_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov](mailto:OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov) by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, March 22, 2024, to inform the OFR of their desire to attend the meeting in person and receive further instructions about building entry clearance.

*Reasonable Accommodation:* If you require a reasonable accommodation, please contact [ReasonableAccommodationRequests@treasury.gov](mailto:ReasonableAccommodationRequests@treasury.gov). Please submit requests at least five days before the event.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Driver, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, at [OFR\\_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov](mailto:OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov), 202-213-4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102-3.150, *et seq.*

*Public Comment:* Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the Financial Research Advisory Committee are invited to submit written statements by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Statements.* Email the Committee's Designated Federal Officer at [OFR\\_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov](mailto:OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov).

- *Paper Statements.* Send paper statements in triplicate to the Financial Research Advisory Committee, Attn: Patricia Driver, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

The OFR will post statements on the committee's website, <http://www.financialresearch.gov>, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. The OFR will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's library, Annex Room 1020, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220 on official business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST. You may make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

*Tentative Agenda/Topics for Discussion:* The committee provides an opportunity for researchers, industry leaders, and other qualified individuals to offer their advice and recommendations to the OFR, which, among other things, is responsible for collecting and standardizing data on financial institutions and their activities and for supporting the work of Financial Stability Oversight Council.

This is the 22nd meeting of the Financial Research Advisory Committee. Topics to be discussed include, financial stability concerns in commercial real estate, assessing risks and hedge fund activities, as well as private debt. For more information on the OFR and the committee, please visit the OFR website at <http://www.financialresearch.gov>.

Dated: March 6, 2024.

**Emily Anderson,**

*Acting Deputy Director for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Request for Information on the Department of Veterans Affairs

Peer Specialist Standard of Practice  
**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is requesting information to assist in developing a national standard of practice for VA Peer Specialists. VA seeks comments on various topics to help inform VA's development of this national standard of practice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov>. Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing, inspection, copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: <http://www.regulations.gov>. VA will not post on <http://www.regulations.gov> public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm the individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period's closing date will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ethan Kalett, Office of Regulations, Appeals and Policy (10BRAP), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-461-0500. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

Chapters 73 and 74 of 38 U.S.C. and 38 U.S.C. 303 authorize the Secretary to regulate VA health care professions to make certain that VA's health care system provides safe and effective health care by qualified health care professionals to ensure the well-being of those veterans who have borne the battle.

On November 12, 2020, VA published an interim final rule confirming that VA health care professionals may practice their health care profession consistent with the scope and requirements of their VA employment, notwithstanding any State license, registration, certification, or other State requirements that unduly interfere with their practice. 38 CFR 17.419; 85 FR 71838. Specifically, this rulemaking confirmed VA's current practice of allowing VA health care professionals to deliver health care services in a State other than the health care professional's state of licensure, registration, certification, or other State requirement, thereby enhancing beneficiaries' access to critical VA health care services. The rulemaking also confirmed VA's authority to

establish national standards of practice for its health care professionals which would standardize a health care professional's practice in all VA medical facilities, regardless of conflicting State laws, rules, regulations, or other State requirements.

The rulemaking explained that a national standard of practice describes the tasks and duties that a VA health care professional practicing in the health care profession may perform and may be permitted to undertake. Having a national standard of practice means that individuals from the same VA health care profession may provide the same type of tasks and duties regardless of the State where they are located or the State license, registration, certification, or other State requirement they hold. We emphasized in the rulemaking and reiterate here that VA will determine, on an individual basis, that a health care professional has the proper education, training, and skills to perform the tasks and duties detailed in the national standard of practice, and that they will only be able to perform such tasks and duties after they have been incorporated into the individual's privileges, scope of practice, or functional statement. The rulemaking explicitly did not create any such national standards and directed that all national standards of practice would be subsequently created via policy.

**Preemption of State Requirements**

The national standard of practice will preempt any State laws, rules, regulations, or requirements that both are and are not listed in the national standard as conflicting, but that do in fact conflict with the tasks and duties as authorized in VA's national standard of practice. In the event that a State changes their requirements and places new limitations on the tasks and duties it allows in a manner that would be inconsistent with what is authorized under the national standard of practice, the national standard of practice will preempt such limitations and authorize the VA health care professional to continue to practice consistent with the tasks and duties outlined in the national standard of practice.

In cases where a VA health care professional's license, registration, certification, or other State requirement allows a practice that is not included in a national standard of practice, the individual may continue that practice so long as it is permissible by Federal law and VA policy, is not explicitly prohibited by the national standard of practice, and is approved by the VA medical facility.