

B. Request for Depository Approval

Institutions that wish to be recognized by the USPTO as a suitable depository to receive deposits for patent purposes are required by 37 CFR 1.803(b) to make a request demonstrating that they are qualified to store and test the biological material submitted to them under patent applications (see also MPEP 2405). This information collection covers the information that a depository must submit to the USPTO when seeking recognition by the USPTO as a suitable depository under 37 CFR 1.803(a)(2). This information enables the USPTO to evaluate whether such a depository has internal practices (both technical and administrative) and the technical ability sufficient to protect the integrity of the biological material being stored by U.S. patent applicants and patent owners. This information includes:

(1) The name and address of the depository seeking recognition under 37 CFR 1.803(a)(2),

(2) Detailed information as to the capacity of the depository to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.803(a)(2), including information on its legal status, scientific standing, staff, and facilities;

(3) An indication that the depository intends to be available, for the purposes of deposit, to any depositor under these same conditions;

(4) Where the depository intends to accept for only certain kinds of biological material, specify such kinds; and

(5) An indication of the amount of any fees that the depository will, upon acquiring the status of suitable depository under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, charge for storage, viability statements and furnishings of the samples of the deposit.

This collection also includes additional information gathered by the USPTO that may be needed after a depository has been recognized by the USPTO under 37 CFR 1.803(a)(2), such as requests to handle additional types of biological material other than the material originally recognized, and viability statements that depositories may submit on behalf of depositors for deposits tested at the depository and/or documentation proving the public has been notified where to obtain samples. There are no forms associated with requests under 37 CFR 1.803(b) to become a recognized depository.

Forms:

- BP/1 (Statement in the Case of an Original Deposit (Rule 6.1))
- BP/2 (Statement in the Case of a New Deposit with the Same International Depository Authority (Rule 6.2))

- BP/3 (Statement in the Case of a New Deposit with Another International Depository Authority (Rule 6.2))
- BP/9 (Viability Statement (Rule 10.2) (International Form))

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,501 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,501 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 1 to 5 hours to complete, depending on the complexity of the situation. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,505 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$4,306,511.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**Notice of Meeting**

Per 45 CFR Chapter XXI § 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated March 5, 2026 in Washington, DC.

Zakiya N. Walters,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2025-SCC-0316]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Foreign Graduate Medical School Consumer Information Reporting Form

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, 202-453-5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Foreign Graduate Medical School Consumer Information Reporting Form.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0117.

Type of Review: A reinstatement without change of a previously approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 24.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 384.

Abstract: This is a request for a reinstatement without change of the information collection to obtain consumer information from foreign graduate medical institutions that participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loan Program) as authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1963, as amended, (HEA). The form is used for reporting specific graduation information to the Department of Education (the Department) with a certification signed by the institution's President/CEO/Chancellor.

Ross Santy,

Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0250]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program Regs

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should

be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, 202–453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program Regs.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0125.

Type of Review: A reinstatement without change of a previously approved ICR.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 87,726.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 16,318.

Abstract: This is a request for a reinstatement of OMB approval of information collection requirements associated with the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program regulations for reporting, recordkeeping and notifications, previously approved under OMB No. 1845–0125. There has

been no change to the regulatory language.

Ross Santy,

Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) Notice of Vacancy

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the Charter of the EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC), the EAC is posting this notice of vacancy for two vacancies for individuals with technical and scientific expertise relating to voting systems and voting equipment. The vacancies shall be filled jointly by the EAC and the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

ADDRESSES: Pursuant to the TGDC Charter, the EAC will post the notice on the EAC website: https://www.eac.gov/about/technical_guidelines_development_committee. Interested persons should contact the Alternate Designated Federal Official for the TGDC Monica Childers by email, mchilders@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) is a non-discretionary Federal Advisory Committee established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), Public Law 107–252, 116 Stat. 1666 (2002). The TGDC assists the EAC in developing the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG). The chairperson of the TGDC is the director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The TGDC is composed of 14 other members appointed jointly by EAC and the director of NIST.

HAVA mandates that the 14 other members appointed jointly by the EAC and NIST shall include individuals with technical and scientific expertise relating to voting systems and voting equipment. The TGDC Charter requires that notice of vacancies on the Committee for those individuals jointly appointed by EAC and NIST be published in the **Federal Register** as well as on the Commission's website.

Pursuant to HAVA and the TGDC charter, the EAC is publishing this notice of vacancy on the TGDC.