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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Department of War, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War Strategic Readiness (Warfighter Development), Pentagon Room 1E525, Washington, DC 20301, Melora McVicker, 571-372-5395.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* MilGears Platform; OMB Control Number 0704-MILG.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of War (DoW) developed the MilGears platform to support service members, veterans, and other users in identifying career pathways. This information collection has been expanded to support the management of educational and transitional benefits, including Tuition Assistance, credentialing, apprenticeships, and SkillBridge opportunities. The data collected is necessary to provide personalized recommendations, manage enrollments, process benefit applications, and facilitate a seamless user experience. Collection is essential for the platform's algorithms, improves user features, and advances DoW-wide workforce development initiatives in alignment with federal mandates for military-to-civilian transition and career readiness.

Respondents for this information collection include service members, veterans, and members of the general public who are interested in exploring customized career and credentialing pathways. The goal is to support informed decision-making as individuals navigate their unique career trajectories.

Respondents voluntarily provide personal and professional information as part of the process to establish a user account within the MilGears platform. These accounts are designed to support data continuity and a more tailored user experience as individuals explore career and credentialing opportunities aligned with their goals, experiences, and

interests. All data is collected online via the MilGears platform.

Users may learn about MilGears and this data collection through a variety of channels, including the Transition Assistance Program, Credentialing Assistance application forms, career counselors, or through online search. Once aware of the platform, users can access it at: <https://milgears.osd.mil/>. Upon visiting the platform, users are able to explore a suite of tools and resources that support career exploration and planning.

The data collected through the MilGears platform will be used to generate personalized recommendations for careers, credentials, and training opportunities; link military occupations to civilian career pathways and industry-recognized competencies; evaluate user engagement and satisfaction to guide ongoing platform improvements; support the development of Learning and Employment Records; provide DoW leadership with actionable insights on user trends to inform workforce planning; enable users to create persistent accounts for storing information and building individualized career pathways; and promote interoperability across DoW human resource systems and data sources.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 25,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 50,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 50,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

The information collection for the MilGears platform is designed to support service members, veterans, the military-connected community, and other users in exploring career and credentialing opportunities based on their military training, education, and experience. While data input and storage on the platform remains entirely voluntary, the creation of a user account requires users to enter and verify an email address and review relevant documentation outlining terms of use and privacy protections. Beyond this initial account setup, all additional personal or professional information shared with the platform is optional when creating a user account and provided at the user's discretion to enhance the accuracy of personalized career exploration and credentialing recommendations.

Dated: May 15, 2026.

**Stephanie J. Bost,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary of Defense**

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-1058]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the OUSD(P&R) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

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personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection of instruments, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Military Personnel Policy), ATTN: Mr. Kent Bauer, 1500 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1500 or call (703) 693-4204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 2168; OMB Control Number 0704-0100.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is necessary to implement section 401 of Public Law 95-202 (codified at 38 United States Code 106 Note), which directs the Secretary of Defense: (1) To determine if civilian employment or contractual service rendered to the Armed Forces of the United States by certain groups shall be considered Active Duty service, and (2) to award members of approved groups an appropriate certificate where the nature and duration of service so merits. This information is collected on DD Form 2168, "Application for Discharge of Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States," which provides the necessary data to assist each of the Military Departments in determining if an applicant was a member of a group which has performed active military service. Those individuals who have been recognized as members of an approved group shall be eligible for benefits administered by the Veterans' Administration.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 250.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 500.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Dated: May 15, 2026.

**Stephanie J. Bost,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-1684]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 20, 2026.

**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-2026-SCC-1684. 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. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments 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 Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4C227, Washington, DC 20202-1200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kelly Terpak, (202) 205-5231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:* ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions.

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0008.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 8,800.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 154,000.

*Abstract:* The ED 524 form and instructions are included in U.S. Department of Education (ED) discretionary grant application packages and are needed in order for applicants to submit summary-level budget data by budget category, as well as a detailed budget narrative, to request and justify their proposed grant budgets as part of their grant applications. At the time of application, ED applicants submit budget information on the ED 524 for both Federal funds requested and for the non-Federal match or cost-sharing funds they are committing to the proposed project (either statutorily required or provided as a voluntary commitment) for each budget period of a multi-year project. Please note that Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), (34 CFR 75.117) requires that an applicant that proposes a multi-year project must include in its application a budget narrative accompanied by a budget form prescribed by the Secretary, that provides budget information for each budget period of the proposed project period. In order to prepare the non-Federal portion of the budget for the ED 524, the applicant must already have had this information on hand in their internal grant accounting records. Under Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 CFR 200.306, as applicable, a grantee