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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 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,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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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

is required to maintain this information regarding cost-sharing and matching resources.

**Ross Santy,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice Announcing National Professional Development Program Competition

**AGENCY:** Department of Education, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Professional Development (NPD) program, Assistance Listing Number 84.365Z, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, July 14, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Hunter. Telephone: (202) 987–1670. Email: *Cynthia.Hunter@ed.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NPD program provides grants to public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education and public and private entities with relevant experience and capacity, in consortia with State educational agencies and/or local educational agencies to implement pre-service and in-service professional development activities intended to improve instruction for English learners (ELs) and assist education personnel working with ELs to meet high professional standards. The FY 2026 competition includes one absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities, an invitational priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priority is: Providing Professional Development to Improve Instruction for ELs. The competitive preference priorities are: Promoting Evidence-Based Literacy and Returning Education to the States. The invitational priority is: Development of a Collaborative Framework for Measuring Teacher Pedagogical Practices to Enhance Student Outcomes.

*Maximum Award:* \$1,000,000 per year.

**Eligible Applicants:** To be considered for an award under this competition, an applicant must be an institution of higher education, or public or private entities with relevant experience and capacity, in consortia with local educational agencies or State educational agencies.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6861.

**To Apply:** The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priorities and program requirements, are available on ED’s website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/teacher-preparation-grants/national-professional-development-program>, on DOL’s website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities>, and on *Grants.gov* at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362416>. The application notice and instructions on *Grants.gov* is the official document governing the grant competition.

**Accessible Format:** On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

**Note:** Henry Maklakiewicz signs this notice in furtherance of DOL’s role in providing support to ED.

**Kirsten Baesler,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

In concurrence

**Henry Maklakiewicz,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED–2026–FSA–1618]

### Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990 (Privacy Act), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on the conduct of matching programs, notice is hereby given of the re-establishment of the matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (Department or ED) (recipient agency) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

(source agency). The current 18-month Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) between ED and VA was recertified for an additional 12 months on June 27, 2025, and will automatically expire on June 26, 2026. The matching program allows ED to receive information from VA to assist the Secretary of Education (Secretary) in the Secretary’s obligation to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, who claim to be veterans.

**DATES:** Submit your comments on the proposed re-establishment of the matching program on or before June 22, 2026.

The matching program will become effective on the later of the following two dates: (1) June 27, 2026, or (2) 30 days after the publication of this notice, on May 20, 2026, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be renewed for up to an additional 12 months if, within 3 months prior to the expiration of the 18 months, the respective Data Integrity Boards of the Department and the VA determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *regulations.gov*. However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via *regulations.gov*, please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email, or comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

**Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to *www.regulations.gov* to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “FAQ” tab.

**Privacy Note:** The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *www.regulations.gov*. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only