

Request for Public Comments

ETA is soliciting input from its stakeholders and the public on any or all of the following categories of information and questions. Response to this request for information is voluntary. Respondents do not need to address every category or question and may elect to focus their comments on those categories and questions that relate to their expertise or perspective. To the extent possible, please clearly indicate the question(s) addressed in your response.

O*NET Modernization Questions

A. For Employers and HR Practitioners

1. What information about occupations and/or job requirements (including skills, tasks, tools/ technologies, or credentials) do you wish existed that doesn't today?
2. What tools would most help you move toward skills-based hiring?
3. What existing resources or platforms are you already using to understand workforce-related needs, and where do they fall short?

B. For Education and Training Providers and Credentialing Bodies

1. How are you currently using O*NET, and what prevents deeper use?
2. Are there ways O*NET could better help you assess job requirements across occupations or job families?
3. What would make it easier to align your programs to labor market skill demands?
4. What existing resources or platforms are you already using to understand workforce-related needs, and where do they fall short?

C. For Developers and Other Data Users

1. What are the biggest barriers to building on O*NET data today?
2. What data formats, update frequencies, or API capabilities are missing?
3. What are the necessary changes to O*NET's data infrastructure to ensure interoperability with other education and workforce data sources?
4. As an O*NET data user, what aspects of O*NET data are unclear and could be better communicated?
5. Are there ways O*NET could better help you identify or compare skills or job-requirement similarities across occupations or job families?
6. What existing data sources or platforms are you already using to analyze workforce-related needs?

D. For All Stakeholders

1. What are the most important functions and features of O*NET to benefit today's labor market?

2. What is the optimal level of detail needed to understand specific roles within an O*NET SOC occupation?

3. How can O*NET data and profiles better capture the adoption of AI tools among tasks and work activities?

4. Do you have additional comments or information that would be helpful to the Department, beyond the questions listed above?

E. Questions Related to Job Postings Data & More Granular Skills Information

1. How can information from job postings be used to help identify the skills, tasks, tools/technologies, or credentials associated with today's jobs?
2. To what extent do job postings accurately reflect real work requirements across different occupations, industries, geographies, or employer sizes? Where are they misleading or incomplete?
3. How can job-posting data help surface emerging occupations or changes in job requirements? What approaches or safeguards would make this information most useful?
4. If O*NET were to incorporate more detailed or timely skill-related information, what types of insights would be most valuable? (Examples may include specialized tasks, new tools or technologies, or patterns shared across related occupations.)
5. How can AI be leveraged to help O*NET keep up with the pace of change in the economy? What approaches would make this most effective and useful?

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Actuarial Attestation Regarding War Risk Hazard Provisions in Defense Base Act Premiums

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before July 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 104 of the War Hazards Compensation Act (WHCA), private insurance carriers or self-insured employers may seek reimbursement for payments made in conjunction with a WHCA-covered injury. Insurance carriers seeking WHCA reimbursement are required to submit an actuarial attestation annually to facilitate accurate claims processing. Each authorized insurance carrier shall submit this actuarial attestation by no later than March 1st of each year for all their Defense Base Act policies with policy effective dates during the preceding calendar year. For ease of administration, this requirement can be met through the use of this form. The information requested in this form is to be provided on an annual basis, though it can also be provided in another manner so long as it contains all requested information and attestation. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2025 (90 FR 58629).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is

generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–OWCP.

Title of Collection: Actuarial Attestation Regarding War Risk Hazard Provisions in Defense Base Act Premiums.

OMB Control Number: 1240–0NEW.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 12.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 12 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$12.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240–0040]

Proposed Extension of a Currently Approved Collection: Certification of Funeral Expenses Under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.

- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mail or visit DOL–OWCP, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S–3229, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anjanette Suggs by telephone at 202–354–9660 or by email at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend Longshore Act coverage to certain other employees.

Section 9(a) of the Act provides that reasonable funeral expenses not to exceed \$3,000 shall be paid in all

compensable death cases. Form LS–265 has been provided for use in submitting the funeral expenses for payment. See 33 U.S.C. 909(a). Section 13 generally provides for the filing of claims under the Act, and section 39 provides authorization for the Department to administer the Act, including promulgating rules and regulations. See 33 U.S.C. 913 and 939. Regulations 20 CFR 702.121 provides that the OWCP may prescribe forms and require their use to report of any required information. See 20 CFR 702.121.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The OWCP I soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection request (ICR) titled, "Certification of Funeral Expenses under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LS–265). OWCP/DLHWC is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Background documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL–OWCP/DLHWC located at 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S3524, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns the "Certification of Funeral Expenses under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LS–265). OWCP/DLHWC has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.