Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's internet comment form (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include file number SR–NASDAQ–2026–061 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR–NASDAQ–2026–061. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–NASDAQ–2026–061 and should be submitted on or before August 21, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[35]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Investment Company Licensing and Examination Fees Inflation Adjustment

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of inflation adjustment of SBIC licensing and examination fees.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing notice of the annual Inflation Adjustment to the Licensing and Examination Fees charged in the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program, required under the SBIC program regulations.

DATES: The SBIC program Licensing and Examination Fees identified in this notice will become effective on October 1, 2026, and will not require further Inflation Adjustment prior to the release of the June 2027 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U), as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Van Eyl, Office of Investment and Innovation at 202–257–5955 or *oii.policy@sba.gov.* If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SBIC program regulations at 13 CFR 107.300(c)(4), 107.692(b)(2), and 107.692(e) require SBA to annually adjust the SBIC program Licensing and Examination Fees using the Inflation Adjustment defined in 13 CFR 107.50. The current Licensing Fees and Examination Fees payable by SBIC Applicants and SBICs, respectively, became effective on October 1, 2025. This document provides notice of the annual Inflation Adjustment based on the release of the June 2026 BLS CPI–U.

The table below identifies the Licensing Fees payable by SBIC License Applicants and Examination Fees payable by SBICs, effective as of October 1, 2026.

SBIC fee type	Fund sequence	Fees amounts (effective October 1, 2026)
Licensing Fees (effective under § 107.300):		
Initial Licensing Fee § 107.300(c)(1)	Fund I	$5,400
	Fund II	11,000
	Fund III	16,400
	Fund IV+	21,800
Final Licensing Base Fee § 107.300(c)(2)	Fund I	11,000
	Fund II	16,400
	Fund III	27,300
	Fund IV+	32,800
Licensing Resubmission Penalty Fee § 107.300(c)(3)[1]		11,000
Examination Fees (effective under § 107.692):		
Minimum Base Fee (§ 107.692(b))	All Funds	11,700
Maximum Base Fee for non-Leveraged SBICs (§ 107.692(b))	All Funds	38,900
Maximum Base Fee for Leveraged SBICs (§ 107.692(b))	All Funds	56,900
Delay Fee (§ 107.692(e))	All Funds	800

[1] *Resubmission Penalty Fee.* The Resubmission Penalty Fee means a $11,000 penalty fee assessed to an applicant that has previously withdrawn or is otherwise not approved for a license that must be paid *in addition* to the Initial and Final Licensing Fees at the time the applicant resubmits its application.

(*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 681(e) and 687b(b); 13 CFR 107.300 and 107.692.)

Joshua R. Carter,

Associate Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Investment and Innovation.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA–2026–0727]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections and one new collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its

[35] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

(SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833–410–1631, Email address: *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*

Or you may submit your comments online through *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain* by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2026–0727] in your submitted response.

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than September 29, 2026. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. *Application for Parent's Insurance Benefits—20 CFR 404.370, 404.371, 404.373, 404.374 & 404.601–404.603—0960–0012.* Section 202(h) of the Social Security Act (Act) establishes the conditions of eligibility a claimant must meet to receive monthly benefits as a parent of a deceased worker who was contributing at least one-half of the parent's support at the time of the worker's death or when the worker became disabled. SSA uses information from Form SSA–7–F6, Application for Parent's Insurance Benefits, to determine if the claimant meets the eligibility criteria. The respondents are applicants filing for Parent's Insurance Benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–7–F6 (Paper—Mailed)	66	1	30	33	* $33.54		*** $1,107
SSA–7 (Fillable PDF, Upload Documents)	60	1	30	30	* 33.54		*** 1,006
Interview (MCS—Telephone or In-Person)	296	1	30	148	* 33.54	** 13	*** 7,110
Totals	422			211			*** 9,223

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).

** We based this figure on the average combined FY 2026 wait times for field offices (average wait time of 20 minutes) and for teleservice centers (average speed of answer of 5 minutes), based on SSA's current management information data; we use the average of field office and teleservice center wait times because we do not track whether interviews happen by telephone or in person. This figure reflects data from our systems and the data posted on our public facing website (Social Security performance | SSA) on the date we drafted this document. As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the information collection.*

2. *Employment Relationship Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1007—0960–0040.* When SSA needs to confirm a worker's employment status to ensure the accuracy of a worker's earning records, the agency uses Form SSA–7160, Employment Relationship Questionnaire, to determine the existence of an employer-employee relationship. We use the information this form collects to determine whether a beneficiary is self-employed, or if the beneficiary is an employee. The respondents are individuals seeking to establish their status as employees, as well as households, businesses, and state or local governments seeking to establish their status as alleged employers.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–7160	19	1	25	8	$33.54 *	20 **	$470 ***

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).

** We based this figure on the average FY 2026 wait time for field offices (20 minutes), based on SSA's current management information data. This figure reflects data from our systems and the data posted on our public facing website (Social Security performance |SSA) on the date we drafted this document. As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here. While we have included wait time for all respondents, we note that respondents are not required to complete the form in person and those who mail or drop off a completed form do not experience any wait time.

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3. *Farm Self-Employment Questionnaire—20 CFR 404.1082(c) & 404.1095—0960–0061.* SSA collects the information on Form SSA–7156 on a voluntary and as-needed basis to determine the existence of an agriculture trade or business which may affect the insured status or monthly benefit of a retirement applicant. When an applicant indicates self-employment as a farmer, SSA uses the SSA–7165 to determine the existence of an agricultural trade or business, and to calculate subsequent covered earnings for Social Security entitlement purposes the applicant is claiming. As part of the application process, we conduct a personal interview, either face-to-face or via telephone, and document the interview using Form SSA–7165. Alternately, applicants have the option of using our Upload Documents portal (OMB No. 0960–0830), which allows them to complete and submit the form online in lieu of an interview. The respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits whose entitlement and amount of benefits depend on establishing whether the worker received covered earnings from self-employment as a farmer, and if so how much they earned.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–7156 (Fillable PDF—Upload Documents)	54	1	15	14	* $30.16		*** $422
SSA–7156—(In-Person Interview)	6	1	15	2	* 30.16	** 13	*** 90
Totals	60			16			*** 512

* We based this figure on average Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse salaries as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
** We based this figure on the average combined FY 2026 wait times for field offices (average wait time of 20 minutes) and for teleservice centers (average speed of answer of 5 minutes), based on SSA's current management information data; we use the average of field office and teleservice center wait times because we do not track whether interviews happen by telephone or in person. This figure reflects data from our systems and the data posted on our public facing website (Social Security performance | SSA) on the date we drafted this document. As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here.
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4. *Certification by Religious Group—20 CFR 404.1075—0960–0093.* Under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 1402(g), certain self-employed religious group members may receive a waiver of all Social Security benefits and payments and thus will be exempt from paying Social Security taxes, if SSA determines they qualify for the waiver. A religious group's authorized spokesperson completes and submits to SSA Form SSA–1458, Certification by Religious Group, so SSA can verify if religious organizational members meet or continue to meet the criteria for exemption. The respondents are spokespersons for religious groups or sects seeking a waiver for Social Security payments and benefits under IRS Code Section 1402(g).

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–1458	318	1	15	80	$33.54 *	$2,683 **

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
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5. *Notice Regarding Substitution of Party Upon Death of Claimant Reconsideration of Disability Cessation—20 CFR 404.907–404.921 and 416.1407–416.1421—0960–0351.* When a claimant dies before we make a determination on that person's request for reconsideration of a disability cessation, SSA seeks a qualified substitute party who may choose to pursue the appeal. If SSA locates a qualified substitute party, the agency uses Form SSA–770–U4 to collect information about whether to pursue or withdraw the reconsideration request. We use this information as the basis for the decision to continue or discontinue with the appeals process. Respondents are individuals with a relationship to the deceased or the deceased's estate who may be made a substitute party and proceed with or withdraw the reconsideration request.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–770–U4	237	1	5	20	$33.54 *	20 **	$3,320 ****

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
** We based this figure on the average FY 2026 wait time for field offices (20 minutes), based on SSA's current management information data. This figure reflects data from our systems and the data posted on our public facing website (Social Security performance | SSA) on the date we drafted this document. As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here. While we have included wait time for all respondents using the paper form, we note that respondents are not required to complete the form in person and those who mail or drop off a completed form do not experience any wait time.
*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the information collection.*

6. *Missing and Discrepant Wage Reports Letters, Questionnaires, and Online Reconciliation Application—20 CFR 31.6051–2—0960–0432.* Each year employers report the wage amounts they paid their employees to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax purposes, and separately to SSA for retirement and disability coverage purposes. Employers are required to report the same figures to SSA and the IRS. However, each year some of the employer wage reports SSA receives are different than the amounts the same employers report to the IRS. SSA uses Forms SSA–L93–SM, SSA–L94–SM, SSA–95–SM, and SSA–97–SM to work with employers to resolve the discrepancy and, ultimately, to ensure employees receive full credit for their wages. This information collection tool also includes the online IRS/SSA Reconciliation portal, which is a streamlined version of the SSA–95–SM and the SSA–97–SM. The IRS/SSA Reconciliation portal will guide employers to the appropriate solutions

and will link the users to on-line tools to correct issues. The respondents are employers who reported different wage amounts to SSA than they reported to the IRS.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA–95–SM and SSA–97–SM (and accompanying cover letters SSA–L93, L94) (paper version)	356,800	1	30	178,400	* $33.54	** $5,983,536
IRS/SSA Reconciliation (online version)	89,200	1	30	44,600	* 33.54	** 1,495,884
Totals	446,000			223,000		** 7,479,420

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
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7. *Request for Social Security Earning Information—20 CFR 404.100 and 404.810—0960–0525.* The Act permits wage earners, or their authorized representatives, to request Social Security earnings information from SSA using Form SSA–7050–F4. SSA uses the information the respondent provides on Form SSA–7050–F4 to verify the wage earner has: (1) Earnings; (2) the right to access the correct Social Security Record; and (3) the right to request the earnings statement. If we verify all three items, SSA produces an Itemized Statement of Earnings (Form SSA–1826), which includes the names and addresses of employers, or a Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings, and sends it to the requestor (if we cannot verify the items, we inform the respondent we cannot provide them with the requested Statement of Earnings due to this mismatch). The agency charges respondents for sending them an Itemized Statement of Earnings, or for a Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings. Respondents are wage earners and their authorized representatives who are requesting Itemized Statement of Earnings records or Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–7050–F4	66,800	1	11	12,247	$33.54 *	$410,764 **

* We based this figure on average U.S. citizen's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is charging individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. The actual charge for an Itemized Statement of Earnings or a Certified Yearly Total of Earnings to be shown on the SSA–7050–F4 is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of requests	Cost per request	Annual cost
Non-Certified Respondent	35,000	$49	$1,715,000
Certified Respondent	20,000	79	1,580,000
Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings	11,800	30	354,000
Total	66,880		3,649,000

8. *Function Report Adult-Third Party—20 CFR 404.1512 & 416.912—0960–0635.* Individuals applying for or receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) must provide SSA with medical evidence and other proof SSA requires to prove their disability. SSA, and Disability Determination Services (DDS) on our behalf, collect information from third parties who know the adult applying for SSDI or SSI and who can provide information about how the adult's purported disability affects the adult's ability to function. The respondents are third parties familiar with the functional limitations (or lack thereof) of claimants for or recipients of SSI and SSDI benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
SSA–3380–BK	635,620	1	61	646,214	$23.91 *	$15,450,977 **

* We based this figure on the average DI payments based on SSA's current FY 2026 data (Effect of COLA on Average Social Security Benefits) and on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the information collection.*

9. *Function Report—Adult 20 CFR 404.1512 and 416.912—0960–0681.* SSA requires individuals applying for or receiving SSDI or SSI benefits to provide us with medical evidence and other information we may need to prove their disability. SSA staff, and on SSA's behalf, State Disability Determination Services' employees, use Form SSA–3373, an in-person interview, or a telephone interview to collect information directly from an adult SSI

or SSDI claimant or recipient about how their purported disability affects their activities, capabilities, and general ability to function. We use this information to help determine eligibility, or continued eligibility, for SSI and SSDI claims. The respondents are adult Title II and Title XVI claimants, or current recipients undergoing redeterminations of benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or for teleservice centers (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–3373	1,812,929	1	61	1,843,144	$14.27 *	13 **	$31,906,935 ***

* We based this figure on the average disability payments based on SSA's current FY 2026 data (Effect of COLA on Average Social Security Benefits).
** We based this figure on the average combined FY 2026 wait times for field offices (average wait time of 20 minutes) and for teleservice centers (average speed of answer of 5 minutes), based on SSA's current management information data; we use the average of field office and teleservice center wait times because we do not track whether interviews happen by telephone or in person. This figure reflects data from our systems and the data posted on our public facing website (Social Security performance | SSA) on the date we drafted this document. As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here.
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10. *Electronic Records Express (ERE) and Electronic Records Appointed Representative Services (ERE–ARS)—20 CFR 404.1512 and 416.912—0960–0753.* Electronic Records Express (ERE) is a web-based SSA system that allows medical providers, educational providers, and other third parties, such as teachers and school administrators, to electronically submit disability claimant evidence to SSA after the system users completing the required registration process. SSA and State agency employees use ERE to request and receive medical and educational records needed to determine eligibility for disability benefits. When the available evidence provided to us is insufficient, SSA also uses ERE to order and receive consultative examination reports. This information collection tool also includes ERE Appointed Representative Services (ERE–ARS), which allows appointed representatives to securely access online copies of documents and digital audio hearing recordings contained in their clients' disability claim files. Through ERE–ARS, appointed representatives can obtain the same information that SSA provides to disability claimants. To ensure only authorized people access ERE or ERE–ARS, SSA requires third parties to complete a unique registration process if they wish to use this system. The respondents are medical providers who evaluate or treat disability claimants or recipients, other third parties with connections to disability applicants or recipients (*e.g.,* Teachers and school administrators for child disability applicants), and appointed representative who voluntarily choose to use ERE or ERE–ARS.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical cost amount (dollars) *	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) **
ERE (ERE sign-ins and activities)	6,121,008	1	10	1,020,168	* $51	** $52,028,568
ERE (account registrations)	3,668	1	35	2,140	* 51	** 109,140
ERE–ARS (technician-assisted actions)	500	1	15	125	* 89.35	** 11,169
ERE–ARS (Number of downloads)	135,477,567	1	1	2,257,960	* 89.35	** 201,748,726
Totals	141,602,743			3,280,391		** 253,897,603

* We based this figure on Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations, Secondary School worker's, and Lawyer's hourly salary, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
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11. *Management of Authorization for Government Users, Institutions, and Customers (MAGIC)—20 CFR 401.45, 20 CFR 402—0960–NEW.*

Introduction

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is creating a new public credentialing and authorization process, hereafter called Management of Authorization for Government Users, Institutions, and Customers (MAGIC), that provides secure access to SSA's electronic services for the Business Services Online (BSO) and Government Services Online (GSO) users.

Background

Currently SSA Integrated Registration Services (IRES), OMB No. 0960–0626, provides authentication and authorization services to support business and government services through our BSO and GSO websites. Built in the late 1990s and early 2000s, IRES does not meet current federal authentication and digital identity requirements. Because of that, we decommissioned IRES registration as of July 2025, to ensure new users are not using the system.

Our new application, MAGIC, will replace IRES as the new registration and authorization process for Business Services Online (BSO) and Government Services Online (GSO). The new process will allow individuals within business and government entities to fully manage access for their users.

Management of Authorization for Government Users, Institutions, and Customers (MAGIC)

MAGIC is a self-service authorization framework. Each entity will designate a Responsible Entity Officer (REO) who is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the entity that are legally binding and enforceable. The REO should have authority to access any information available to the entity through any Social Security service; authorize the disclosure of that information when appropriate; and delegate other individuals to have access to it.

Each designated REO will create a MAGIC account and self-attest, acknowledging responsibility for all business conducted in MAGIC, BSO, and GSO on behalf of their organization. As a convenience, our framework includes additional administrative roles that the REO can delegate, authorizing another individual to manage the organization's MAGIC account. The REO and additional administrative roles have a higher level of safeguarding and security. The REO and/or additional administrative roles will delegate service roles authorizing other users to conduct specific BSO/GSO business during a specified timeframe on the organization's behalf, which includes third-party organizations. Both the REO and Administrator can revoke service roles as well. Every user (*i.e.,* REO, Administrator, or Service User) will use their own credential to access MAGIC and BSO/GSO.

Currently, we accept credentials from *Login.gov* or ID.me through our eAccess platform (OMB No. 0960–0789). MAGIC will then allow businesses to specify who is appropriate to act on the business' behalf. MAGIC will offer the following options for the REO:

- Includes a single credential through one of SSAs CSPs to any customer who wants to do business online with the agency and meets the eligibility criteria (approved under OMB Control No. OMB #0960–0789);
- Allows users to give authorization to the appropriate employees to conduct business with us;
- Offers access to some of our services online while providing us an acceptable level of confidence in the identity of the person requesting access to these services;
- Uses a risk-based approach to balance security, ease of use, compliance, cost, and feasibility consideration; and
- Provides a user-friendly means for the public to conduct extended business with us online instead of visiting local servicing offices or requesting information over the phone.

In addition, MAGIC will offer organizational REOs the option of technician assistance for unlocking and blocking user accounts within their organization, or for terminating the REO account. In this way, MAGIC will give more flexibility to organizations and businesses who do business with SSA through the BSO and GSO portals. MAGIC will offer organizations accessibility to SSA's online services, ensuring our online services are both secure and user-friendly which both an agency priority and is vital to good public service.

Respondents are individuals registering and authorizing users for access to BSO and GSO.

Type of Request: Request for a new information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents +	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average dedicated BSO call line wait time (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
Internet Registrations	+ 2,000,000	1	2	66,667	* $33.54		*** $2,236,011
CSA Screens (Technician Assisted Unlocking/Blocking Account; Terminate REO)	+ 100,000	1	2	3,333	* 33.54	** 2	*** 223,578
Internet Sign-Ins	+ 2,000,000	1	1	33,333	* 33.54		*** 1,117,989
Totals	+ 4,100,000			103,333			*** 3,577,578

+ Once we have MI data for this new information collection, we will submit a Change Request to update the burden with more accurate data.
* We based this figure on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages, as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).
** We based this figure on the FY 2026 wait times for the dedicated BSO Call Line, based on SSA's current management information data. This figure reflects data from our systems on the date we drafted this document. We continue to monitor our management information data on call wait times to ensure we report updated figures when possible.
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Mark Steffensen,

General Counsel, Chief of Law, Policy and Legislative Affairs, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes one new information collection, as well as revisions and one extension of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA

(SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833–410–1631, Email address: *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov*

Or you may submit your comments online through *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain* by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2026–0694] in your submitted response.

SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than August 31, 2026. Individuals can obtain copies of this OMB clearance package by writing to the *OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.*

1. Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits—20 CFR 404.421—0960–0398. SSA cannot pay reduced Social Security benefits to an already entitled spouse unless the spouse elects to receive reduced benefits and is (1) at least age 62, but under full retirement age; and (2) is no longer caring for a child. In this situation, spouses who decide to elect reduced benefits must file Form SSA–25, Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits. SSA