

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration****Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Comment Request;  
Registered Apprenticeship National  
Public Awareness Campaign****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed new information collection request (ICR) titled, "Registered Apprenticeship National Public Awareness Campaign." 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 October 19, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Michelle Mills, Division Director, Office of Apprenticeship, by email at [raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov](mailto:raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov](mailto:raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Mills, Division Director, Office of Apprenticeship, by email at [raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov](mailto:raawarenesscampaign@dol.gov).

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

This ICR seeks approval for a new information collection in support of the Registered Apprenticeship National Public Awareness Campaign. The request includes a General Public Baseline Survey ("Public Survey" thereafter) and an Employer/Sponsor Baseline Survey ("Employer Survey" thereafter). The surveys will collect information to establish an initial baseline, and then be fielded quarterly, or as needed, to ascertain changes in awareness, familiarity, understanding, perceptions, barriers, trusted sources, decision drivers, message reactions, and intent related to Registered Apprenticeship and *Apprenticeship.gov*, the website domain maintained by ETA's Office of Apprenticeship. The National Apprenticeship Act, 29 U.S.C. 50 *et seq.*, and DOL regulations at 29 CFR part 29 authorize and support ETA's Office of Apprenticeship activities related to the National Apprenticeship System and this information collection.

The Department has increased efforts to expand and modernize Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven workforce training model, to connect all Americans to good-paying jobs. The surveys directly support Executive Order (E.O.) 14278, Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future, which directs the Secretaries of Labor, Commerce, and Education to develop a plan to reach and surpass one million new active apprentices in Registered Apprenticeship programs. The E.O. also commits to protecting and strengthening Registered Apprenticeship as a means of unlocking the limitless potential of the American worker. In addition, several E.O.s focus on bolstering critical industries and direct federal agencies to increase utilization of Registered Apprenticeship as a critical strategy to strengthen workforces in those key industries, including Artificial Intelligence (E.O. 14277), Maritime (E.O. 14269), and Nuclear Energy (E.O. 14302). To support each of these goals, the Office of Apprenticeship proposes this multi-faceted public awareness campaign to spark national attention, generate interest and engagement, and drive measurable growth.

The public survey will be administered to U.S. adults ages 18 and older, with oversamples of adults ages 18 to 24, parents or guardians, educators/workforce intermediaries, and veterans. The oversample populations include those determined by the marketing campaign strategist to be key priority audiences for the marketing campaign. The employer baseline survey will be administered to

representatives of U.S. employers who influence hiring, workforce training, talent development, or apprenticeship-related decisions. ETA will use the information to support campaign planning, audience understanding, message development, key performance indicator benchmarking, and future evaluation of the Registered Apprenticeship National Public Awareness Campaign.

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 it is approved by OMB under the PRA 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 Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205-0NEW.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

DOL 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).

*Agency:* DOL–ETA.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* Registered Apprenticeship National Public Awareness Campaign.

*Form:* Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Campaign General Public Baseline Survey; Registered Apprenticeship Awareness Campaign Employer/Sponsor Baseline Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205–0NEW.

*Affected Public Individuals or Households, Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions.*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,200.

*Frequency:* Once for baseline surveys; quarterly (as needed) for tracking surveys.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 10,200.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* Varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,400 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* \$0.

**Marek Laco,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Securing Financial Obligations Under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and Its Extensions

**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 September 18, 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/](http://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](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OWCP Forms LS–275–IC, LS–275–SI, and LS–276 cover the submission of information by insurance carriers and self-insured employers regarding their ability to meet their financial obligations under the Longshore Act and its extensions. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on, March 6, 2026 (91 FR 11087).

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:* Securing Financial Obligations Under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its Extensions.

*OMB Control Number:* 1240–0005.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 728.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 728.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 911 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$728.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Application for Waiver of Surface Sanitary Facilities Requirements (Pertaining to Coal Mines)

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA)-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 September 18, 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](http://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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 30 CFR 71.400 through 71.402 and 75.1712–1 through 75.1712–3 require coal mine operators to provide bathing facilities, clothing change rooms, and sanitary flush toilet facilities in a location that is convenient for use of the miners. If the operator is unable to meet any or all requirements, he/she may apply for a waiver. Title 30 CFR 71.403, 71.404, 75.1712–4, and 75.1712–5 provide procedures by which an