

questions are tailored to a specific program type and will vary slightly with each program. ITA staff use this information to gain an understanding of clients' needs and objectives so that they can provide appropriate and effective assistance tailored to each U.S. business' particular global trade requirements.

## II. Method of Collection

Clients will be asked to provide their information in multiple ways, including via a website (*e.g. trade.gov*), web-based survey or form links, or paper-based forms.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–0143.

Form Number(s): None

Type of Review: Revision of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 34,133 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,030,485.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: US Code: 15 U.S.C. 4724.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### NTIA Listening Session on Screen-Based Instruction in K–12 Schools

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a virtual listening session on screen use in schools, as it relates to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) E-Rate program. The FCC has initiated a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), which includes a public comment period, to examine whether the E-Rate program is serving the long-term interests of children—or instead encouraging excessive screen-based instruction in K–12 schools at the expense of child development and academic outcomes (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/08/14/2026-16590/fcc-to-review-e-rate-program-to-ensure-congresss-vision>). This session invites parents, students, educators, and child development specialists to provide input into the NPRM process.

**DATES:** The listening session will be held on September 15, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The session will be held virtually, with more details and online dial-in information to be posted at <https://www.ntia.gov/events-and-meetings/ntia-listening-session-fccs-e-rate-and-screen-use-nprm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct questions regarding this notice to [kids@ntia.gov](mailto:kids@ntia.gov), indicating “E-Rate Listening Session” in the subject line, or if by mail, addressed to National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202–941–0606. Please direct media

inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs at [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background and Authority:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) serves as the President's principal advisor on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA's programs and policymaking focus largely on expanding broadband internet access and adoption in America, expanding the use of spectrum by all users, advancing public safety communications, and ensuring that the internet remains an engine for innovation and economic growth. This includes examining how broadband access is used in different contexts, including in educational settings. Pursuant to our authorities under 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(M), NTIA will host a public listening session to gather stakeholder perspectives that will inform NTIA's ongoing research.

NTIA seeks participant feedback on the effects of screen-based instruction in schools, including one-to-one device policies; existing mechanisms and obstacles for parents seeking to opt their children out of classroom technology use; the content, effectiveness, and enforcement of school internet safety policies under the Children's internet Protection Act (CIPA); the nature and effectiveness of internet filtering in schools; the extent to which parents and teachers—as opposed to vendors, consultants, and lobbyists—have a voice in E-Rate program decisions; other mechanisms used to protect children when using E-Rate funded networks; the appropriate role of parents, schools, the FCC, and other entities in protecting children online; and other comments related to the internet access and online services provided through E-Rate funded schools and libraries. NTIA may collect feedback received during the session from parents, students, educators, and child development specialists regarding use time in schools and submit it to the FCC for consideration as part of the NPRM record. Individuals who are unable to attend, or who do not have the opportunity to speak during the session, may respond directly to the FCC's NPRM at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/docket-detail/26-133>.

**Other Information:** All parents, students, educators, and child development specialists are welcome to speak at the listening session, time permitting. For privacy reasons, commenters under age 18 are asked to keep their camera off and not share personally identifiable information. The

virtual meeting is open for observation by the public and the press. The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations such as real-time captioning, sign language interpretation, or other ancillary aids should notify NTIA at [kids@ntia.gov](mailto:kids@ntia.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.gov>, for the most current information.

Dated: August 24, 2026.

**David Brodian,**

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Appeals

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter "USPTO" or "Agency") will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0063, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden to the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 20, 2026, during a 60-day comment period (91 FR 20986). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before September 28, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <https://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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0063. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at <https://www.reginfo.gov/>. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0063 information request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Telephone:* Stacey White, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 571-272-9797.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Appeals.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0063.

*Abstract:* The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (hereafter "PTAB" or Board") is established by statute under 35 U.S.C. 6. This statute directs, in relevant part, that PTAB shall "on written appeal of an applicant, review adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents pursuant to section 134(a)." PTAB has the authority, under 35 U.S.C. 134 and 306 to decide appeals in applications and *ex parte* reexamination proceedings, and under pre-AIA sections of the Patent Act, *i.e.*, 35 U.S.C. 134, 135, and 315, to decide appeals in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings and interferences. In addition, 35 U.S.C. 6 establishes the membership of PTAB as the Director, the Deputy Director, the Commissioner for Patents, the Commissioner for Trademarks, and the Administrative Patent Judges. Appeals and interferences are decided by a merits panel of at least three members of the Board.

The Board's responsibilities under the statute include the review of *ex parte* appeals from adverse decisions of examiners in those situations where a written appeal is taken by a dissatisfied applicant or patent owner. In *inter partes* reexamination appeals, PTAB reviews an examiner's decision adverse to a patent owner or a third-party requester. PTAB's opinions and decisions for publicly available files are

published on the USPTO website.<sup>1</sup> The Board also conducts interference proceedings.

The items associated with this information collection include appeals in applications, *ex parte* reexamination proceedings, and appeals in *inter partes* reexamination proceedings and interference proceedings that are governed by the regulations in 37 CFR 41. Failure to comply with the appropriate regulations may result in dismissal of the appeal or denial of entry of the submission.

Since the publication of the 60-day notice, the USPTO has updated the number of responses associated with this information collection to include respondents participating in the SPARK Pilot Program. This results in an increase of 50 respondents, responses, and burden hours to this information collection.

*Forms:* (AIA = America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book)

- *PTO/AIA/31:* (Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).
- *PTO/SB/31:* (Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences).
- *PTO/AIA/32:* (Request for Oral Hearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).
- *PTO/SB/32:* (Request for Oral Hearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board).
- *PTO/SB/479b:* Certification and Petition Under the Standards Participation and Representation Kudos (SPARK) Pilot Program to Expedite an Appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 16,955 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 31,544 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to 120 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 337,712 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$24,086,261.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/decisions>.