

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0261]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Application for Refund of Educational Contributions

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by October 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0261”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202–461–1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Refund of Educational Contributions, VA Form 22–5281.

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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Public Law 94–502 established the Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). The VEAP program account is jointly funded by the eligible participant and the Department of Defense. The fund provides educational assistance payments to eligible participants who entered the service after December 31, 1976, and before July 1, 1985, and are pursuing training under chapter 32, title 38 U.S.C. The Application for Refund of Educational Contributions, VA Form 22–5281, is required to process a refund of contributions made by eligible participants who wish to disenroll from the program. If a participant stops enrollment from the program prior to discharge or release from active duty, such participant’s contributions will be refunded on the date of the participant’s discharge or release from active duty, or within 60 days of receipt of notice by the Secretary of the participants’ discharge. If a participant stops enrollment from the program after discharge or release from active duty, the participant’s contributions shall be refunded within 60 days of receipt of an

application for a refund from the participant. In 2022, VA conducted a project which attempted to identify all Veterans with remaining chapter 32 contributions and provide them with the VA Form 22–5281 to receive a refund, as they’re no longer eligible to use chapter 32 benefits. The burden for the current renewal has decreased because no similar large-scale effort to contact Veterans was conducted during 2023, 2024, or 2025.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 91 FR 40669, July 2, 2026.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 429.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,571.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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