

compensation and/or related compensation benefits. The form has evolved over time into a standard claim form to be used for any benefit associated with disability compensation; to include new or initial claims and claims for increase. Without this information, determination of entitlement would not be possible.

VBA is currently undertaking an initiative to streamline and simplify VA Form 21–526EZ, aiming to reduce the length and complexity of the form by the end of Calendar Year 2026. The primary objectives are to enhance the experience for Veterans, lessen the administrative burden and time required to submit a claim for benefits, and accommodate preferences for submitting forms either through *VA.gov* or via paper, while preserving accessibility.

Burden has decreased due to the shortening of the length of the form from 15 to 5 pages, further reducing the respondent burden from 25 minutes to 15 minutes and through a decrease in the number of receivables averaged over the past year.

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 insert citation date: 90 FR 37497, June 23, 2026.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 499,398 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,997,592 per year.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0004]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for D.I.C., Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits

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 (VBA), 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 9, 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. 2900–0004.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 21P–534EZ, Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0004.
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P–534EZ is primarily used for the Fully Developed

Claims (FDC) program for pension claims, DIC, and accrued claims. This information is used to process a claim for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits by a surviving spouse or child. Without this information, determining entitlement would not be possible.

VBA is undertaking an initiative to streamline and simplify VA Form 21P–534EZ, aiming to reduce the form’s length and complexity by the end of Calendar Year 2026. The primary objectives are to enhance the experience for Claimants, reduce the administrative burden and time required to submit a claim for benefits, and accommodate preferences for submitting forms either through *VA.gov* or on paper, while preserving accessibility.

The burden has decreased since the previous approval due to shortening of the length of the form from 20 pages to 7 pages, further reducing the respondent burden from 40 minutes to 25 minutes.

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Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45,833 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Frequency of Response: example: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110,000 per year.

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

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