

sought to avoid through the HMTA. California's mandate sets a precedent for other jurisdictions to ban or place impermissible restrictions on approved hazmat packagings under the guise of waste management. These conflicting requirements would undermine the Federal regulatory scheme of hazardous materials transportation uniformity and create confusion and uncertainty for manufacturers and offerors of such packagings and the hazmat contained therein. Allowing one State to ban the sale of non-reusable or non-refillable propane cylinders would impose an unreasonable burden on manufacturers and shippers by requiring them to redesign their product to meet a specific State's requirements, or pull out of that market entirely. It would also impose an unreasonable burden on consumers by removing a safe and affordable option for transporting propane.

More importantly, California's reusability mandate would more than likely have the unintended effect of creating additional safety hazards for consumers, further frustrating the intent of the HMTA and HMR. Filling cylinders with propane, a flammable gas, poses a safety risk, and that risk is increased if untrained consumers attempt to refill these propane cylinders themselves. The refillable cylinders, such as the DOT 4BA cylinders, touted by those opposed to preemption must also be inspected and retested at regular intervals to qualify for reuse.¹⁴⁶ Though some consumers may timely reinspect and retest their smaller propane cylinders, it is likely that many would keep using their cylinders past the requalifying date, creating an additional safety hazard. And while proponents of California's law insist the reusability requirement would keep smaller propane cylinders from being disposed of improperly at waste management facilities or landfills, reusable propane cylinders may still be discarded improperly, creating the same risks from improper disposal that California's law purports to solve.

For these reasons, PHMSA finds California's reusability mandate for most propane cylinders is an obstacle to carrying out the HMTA and HMR's goal of uniformity in the regulation of hazardous materials and impedes the transportation of hazardous materials. The mandate is therefore preempted under 49 U.S.C. 5125(a)(2).

VI. Ruling

PHMSA finds that California's reusability mandate for propane cylinders is a non-Federal requirement

relating to a covered subject that is not substantively the same as the requirements in the HMR. PHMSA further finds that California's reusability mandate is an obstacle to accomplishing and carrying out the HMTA and HMR. Accordingly, California's reusability mandate for propane cylinders is preempted under 49 U.S.C. 5125(b)(1)(E) and (a)(2).

VII. Petition for Reconsideration/Judicial Review

In accordance with 49 CFR 107.211(a), any person aggrieved by this determination may file a petition for reconsideration. The petition for reconsideration must be filed within 20 days of publication of this determination in the **Federal Register**. If a petition for reconsideration is filed within 20 days of publication in the **Federal Register**, the decision by PHMSA's Chief Counsel on the petition for reconsideration becomes PHMSA's final agency action with respect to the person requesting reconsideration.¹⁴⁷

If a person does not request reconsideration in a timely fashion, then this determination is PHMSA's final agency action as to that person, as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Any person who is adversely affected or aggrieved by this administrative determination may seek judicial review under 49 U.S.C. 5127(a) by filing a petition for review in an appropriate United States Court of Appeals within 60 days after publication of this determination in the **Federal Register**.¹⁴⁸ The filing of a petition for reconsideration is not a prerequisite to seeking judicial review of this decision under 49 U.S.C. 5127(a).

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Keith J. Coyle,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting of Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: Closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held in New York, NY or virtually via Microsoft Teams. The entire meeting will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be held September 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held at 290 Broadway—Foley Square New York, NY 10007-1823 or virtually via *Microsoft Teams*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valeria B. Farr, 1835 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Telephone (803) 312-7828 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1009, that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held at 290 Broadway—Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 or virtually via *Microsoft Teams*.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in Federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 6103.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed in sections 552b(c)(3), (4), (6), and (7), of the Government in the Sunshine Act, and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

Spencer W. Clark,
Committee Management Officer, US
Department of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0205]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Title 38 Health Care Positions—Trainee Application and Appraisal

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA),

¹⁴⁶ See 49 CFR 180.209.

¹⁴⁷ See 49 CFR 107.211(d).

¹⁴⁸ See 49 U.S.C. 5127(a).

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 13, 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. 2900–0205.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Title 38 Health Care Positions—Trainee Application and Appraisal (VA Forms 10–2850d and 10–2850e).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0205.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information is authorized by Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7403, which provides that appointments of Title 38 positions will be made only after qualifications have been satisfactorily verified in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Occupations listed in 38 U.S.C. 7401(1) and 7401(3) are appointed at a grade and step rate or an assignment based on careful evaluation of the trainee’s education and experience. Title 38 U.S.C. 7302 requires VA to assist in the training of health professionals for the agency’s own needs and for those of the nation. All health position trainee applicants must provide information concerning their background, training, and education, as well as previously held licenses/registrations, to determine if they meet requirements.

VA Form 10–2850d is used to collect appropriate information to support the qualifications for each trainee participating in accredited educational programs with VA. Trainee applicants participating in accredited educational programs must complete and submit the 10–2850d form.

VA Form 10–2850e is the pre-employment reference form used to

elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 trainee applicant. The information provided is used to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for employment. VA sends the 10–2850e form to the educational institutions, organizations, and individuals indicated by the applicant on the employment application form.

The forms have been updated with required PRA language. There is a decrease in the total estimated number of responses and burden hours for this collection based upon program data since the last PRA clearance, including the discontinuance and removal of three forms. This information collection is only for VA health position trainee applicants.

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 39163, June 29, 2026.

Total Annual Number of Responses = 171,820.

Total Annual Time Burden = 85,910 hours.

VA Form 10–2850d:

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 121,000.

VA Form 10–2850e:

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,410 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Responses: 50,820.

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

Lanea Haynes,

Alternate, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Office of Data Governance and Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0920]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Copayment Exemption for Indian Veterans—Documentation of Indian or Urban Indian Status

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 13, 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. 2900–0920.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Copayment Exemption for Indian Veterans—Documentation of Indian or Urban Indian Status, VA Form 10–334.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0920.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: VA previously amended its medical regulations to implement a statute exempting Indian and urban Indian veterans from copays for the receipt of hospital care or medical services under laws administered by VA. Public Law (PL) 116–315, sec. 3002 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (signed