

capture key characteristics affecting respondents' labor market activities at a critical point in their lives, to permit the study of long-term effects on labor market outcomes. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected from the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

One of the goals of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to produce and disseminate timely, accurate, and relevant information about the U.S. labor force. The BLS contributes to this goal by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policymakers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed, and thus more efficient, choices. Research based on the NLSY79 contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation. In addition to the reports that the BLS produces based on data from the NLSY79, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on NLSY79 data for the DOL and other funding agencies. To date, over 3,000 articles examining NLSY79 data have been published in scholarly journals. The survey design provides data gathered from the same respondents over time to form the only dataset that contains this type of information for this important population group. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal dataset could not be

provided to researchers and policymakers, thus adversely affecting the DOL's ability to perform its policy- and report-making activities.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought to conduct interim survey interviews between rounds 31 and 32 of the NLSY79. Respondents of the NLSY79 will undergo an interview of approximately 17 minutes on average during which they will answer questions about labor market experiences, AI usage, health, and income.

During the fielding period for the interim survey interviews, no more than 2 percent of respondents will be asked to participate in a brief validation interview a few weeks after the initial interview. The purpose of the validation interview is to verify that the initial interview took place as the interviewer reported and to assess the data quality of selected questionnaire items.

The interim supplemental survey will be conducted by internet and by telephone. BLS anticipates that approximately one-third of the interviews will be self-administered by internet, with the remaining interviews being interviewer-administered by telephone.

The interim supplemental survey will consist of approximately 51 questions. Similar questions have appeared in previous rounds of the NLSY79, the Current Population Survey, Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking (SHED), RAND American Life's AI

questionnaire, AmeriSpeak, AARP's Artificial Intelligence Survey, KFF's tracking poll on Health Information and Trust, or the Census Household Pulse survey. The content covers alternative use of time, AI usage, health, mental health, income, and earnings.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
- 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 submissions of responses.

Title of Collection: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979.

OMB Number: 1220-0109.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Interim Supplement: April 2027–July 2027	4,500	1	4,500	.283	1,275
Validation interview: June 2027	90	1	90	.033	3
Totals*	4,500		4,590		1278

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed on September 18, 2026.

Eric Molina,

Chief, Division of Management Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219-0127]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection: Certification and Qualification To Examine, Test, Operate Hoists and Perform Other Duties

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to

reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program for all information collections, to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that 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 on respondents can be properly assessed. The Mine Safety and

Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection titled "Certification and Qualification to Examine, Test, Operate Hoists and Perform Other Duties."

DATES: All comments must be received on or before November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2026–0562.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9440 to make an appointment.

- MSHA will post all comments as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Corliss A. Josephs-Conway, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (email); (202) 693–9440 (voice); or (202) 693–9441 (facsimile). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Legal Authority

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), as amended, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811(a), authorizes the Secretary of Labor to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal and metal and nonmetal mines.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) governs paperwork burdens imposed on the public by Federal agencies when using identical questions to collect information from 10 or more persons. The PRA defines paperwork burden in 44 U.S.C. 3502(2) as the time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. Under 44 U.S.C. 3507, the PRA also

establishes policies and procedures for information collection to control paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public, including evaluating public comments.

B. Information Collection

To fulfill its statutory mandate to promote miners' health and safety, MSHA requires information under the OMB request titled "Certification and Qualification to Examine, Test, Operate Hoists and Perform Other Duties." This information collection is intended to ensure that only those qualified or certified to perform duties requiring specialized expertise at coal mines are authorized to conduct examinations for hazardous conditions, conduct tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, conduct tests for air flow, atmospheric monitoring systems (AMS) operation, perform electrical work, repair energized surface high-voltage lines, and perform duties of hoisting engineer.

Burden costs associated with the ICR include:

1. Submitting MSHA Form 5000–41
2. Updating Lists of Certified and Qualified Persons
3. Developing Training Plans

The associated standards that authorize the collection of information are described below.

1. Submitting MSHA Form 5000–41

1–1. Certifying Persons

Defining Certified Persons

Under 30 CFR 75.100(a), [at underground coal mines] the provisions of Subpart D—Ventilation of this part 75 require that certain examinations and tests be made by a certified person. A certified person within the meaning of those provisions is a person who has been certified as a mine foreman (mine manager), an assistant mine foreman (section foreman), or a preshift examiner (mine examiner). A person who has been so certified is also a qualified person within the meaning of those provisions of subpart D of this part which require that certain tests be made by a qualified person and within the meaning of 30 CFR 75.1106 regarding welding, cutting, or soldering with arc or flame underground.

Under 30 CFR 77.100(a)(1), [at surface coal mines] the provisions of this Part 77 require that certain examinations and tests be made by a certified person. A certified person within the meaning of these provisions is a person who has been certified to perform the duties, and make the required examinations and tests to be performed by a certified person.

Under 30 CFR 77.100(a)(2), a person who has been so certified shall also be considered to be a qualified person within the meaning of those provisions of this Part 77 which require that certain examinations, tests and duties be performed by a qualified person, except those provisions in Subparts F, G, H, I, and J of this part relating to performance of electrical work.

MSHA Certifying Persons

Under 30 CFR 75.100(c)(1), [at underground coal mines] the Secretary may certify persons in the categories of mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, and preshift examiner whenever the State in which persons are presently employed in these categories does not provide for such certification. A person's initial certification by MSHA is valid for as long as the person continues to satisfy the requirements necessary to obtain the certification and is employed at the same coal mine or by the same independent contractor. The mine operator or independent contractor shall make an application which satisfactorily shows that each such person has had at least 2 years underground experience in a coal mine, and has held the position of mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, or preshift examiner for a period of 6 months immediately preceding the filing of the application, and is qualified to test for methane and for oxygen deficiency. Applications for Secretarial certification should be submitted in writing to MSHA.

Under 30 CFR 77.100(b)(2), pending issuance of Federal standards, a person will be considered, to the extent of the certification, a certified person to make examinations, tests and perform duties which are required by this Part 77 to be performed by a certified person, if this person has been certified for such purpose by the Secretary. A person's initial certification is valid for as long as the person continues to satisfy the requirements necessary to obtain the certification and is employed at the same coal mine or by the same independent contractor. The mine operator or independent contractor shall make an application which satisfactorily shows that each such person has had at least 2 years experience at a coal mine or equivalent experience, and that each such person demonstrates to the satisfaction of an authorized representative of the Secretary that such person is able and competent to test for oxygen deficiency with a permissible flame safety lamp, or any other device approved by the Secretary and to test for methane with a portable methane detector approved by MSHA and to perform such other duties for which

application for certification is made. Applications for certification by the Secretary should be submitted in writing to MSHA.

1–2. Qualifying Persons for Methane and Oxygen Testing

Defining Certified Persons for Methane and Oxygen Testing

Under 30 CFR 75.150(a), [at underground coal mines] the provisions of Subpart D—Ventilation of this part and 30 CFR 75.1106 require that tests for methane and for oxygen deficiency be made by a qualified person. A person is a qualified person for this purpose if he is a certified person under 30 CFR 75.100.

Under 30 CFR 77.101(a), [at surface coal mines] the provisions of Subparts C, P, R, and T of this Part 77 require that tests for methane and for oxygen deficiency be made by a qualified person. A person is a qualified person for these purposes if he is a certified person.

MSHA Certifying Persons for Methane and Oxygen Testing

Under 30 CFR 75.150(b)(2), [at underground coal mines] the Secretary may qualify persons for [testing for methane and for oxygen deficiency] in a coal mine in which persons are not qualified for this purpose by the State upon an application and a satisfactory showing by the operator of the coal mine that each such person has been trained and designated by the operator to test for methane and oxygen deficiency and has made such tests for a period of 6 months immediately preceding the application. Applications for Secretarial qualification should be submitted to MSHA.

Under 30 CFR 77.101(b)(2), [at surface coal mines] pending issuance of Federal standards, a person will be considered a qualified person for testing for methane and oxygen deficiency, if he has been qualified by the Secretary for these purposes upon a satisfactory showing by the operator of the coal mine that each such person has been trained and designated by the operator to test for methane and oxygen deficiency. Applications for Secretarial qualification should be submitted in writing to MSHA.

1–3. Qualifying Persons for Air Flow Testing at Underground Coal Mines

Under 30 CFR 75.152, A person is a qualified person within the meaning of the provisions of Subpart D—Ventilation of this part requiring that tests of air flow be made by a qualified person only if he is a certified person under section 75.100 or a person trained

and designated by a certified person to perform such tests.

1–4. Qualifying Persons for Hoist Equipment

Defining Qualified Persons for Operating Hoist Equipment

Under 30 CFR 75.155(a)(2) and (b)(2), [at underground coal mines] if a State has no program for qualifying persons as steam-hoisting or electrically driven engineers, the Secretary may qualify persons for this purpose if the operator of the coal mine in which such persons are employed, or the independent contractor, makes an application and a satisfactory showing that each such person has had 1 year experience in operating steam-driven or electrically driven hoists and has held the position of hoisting engineer for a period of 6 months immediately preceding the application. A person's qualification is valid for as long as this person continues to satisfy the requirements necessary for qualification and is employed at the same coal mine or by the same independent contractor.

Under 30 CFR 77.105(a)(2), [at surface coal mines] if a State has no program for qualifying persons as hoistmen, the Secretary may qualify persons if the operator of the slope or shaft-sinking operation makes an application and a satisfactory showing that the person has had 1 year of experience operating hoists. A person's qualification is valid for as long as the person continues to satisfy the requirements for qualification and is employed at the same coal mine or by the same independent contractor.

MSHA Qualifying Persons for Operating Hoist Equipment

Under 30 CFR 75.155(c) and 77.105(b), applications for Secretarial qualification should be submitted to MSHA.

MSHA Form 5000–41, Safety and Health Activity Certification or Hoisting Engineers Qualification Request Form, is used to certify miners to be a mine foreman, assistant mine foreman, or a preshift examiner, or for a miner to be qualified to perform certain tasks.

2. Updating Lists of Certified and Qualified Persons

Under 30 CFR 75.159 and 77.106, the operator of each coal mine shall maintain a list of all certified and qualified persons designated to perform duties.

3. Developing Training Plans

Under 30 CFR 75.160, every operator of an [underground] coal mine shall provide a program, approved by the Secretary, of training and retraining of

both qualified and certified persons needed to carry out functions prescribed in the Act.

Under 30 CFR 75.161, each operator [of an underground coal mine] must submit to the district manager, of the Coal Mine Safety and Health District in which the mine is located, a program or plan setting forth what, when, how, and where the operator will train and retrain persons whose work assignments require that they be certified or qualified. The program must provide—

(a) For certified persons, annual training courses in first aid, principles of mine rescue, and the provisions of this part 75; and

(b) For qualified persons, annual courses in performance of the task which they perform as qualified persons.

Under 30 CFR 77.107, every operator of a [surface] coal mine shall provide a program, approved by the Secretary, of training and retraining both qualified and certified persons needed to carry out functions prescribed in the Act.

Under 30 CFR 77.107–1, each operator [of a surface coal mine] must submit to the district manager, of the Coal Mine Safety and Health District in which the mine is located, a program or plan setting forth what, when, how, and where the operator will train and retrain persons whose work assignments require that they be certified or qualified. The program must provide—

(a) For certified persons, annual training courses in the tasks and duties which they perform as certified persons, first aid, and the provisions of this part 77; and

(b) For qualified persons, annual courses in performance of the tasks which they perform as qualified persons.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection titled “Certification and Qualification to Examine, Test, Operate Hoists and Perform Other Duties.” MSHA 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 MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to 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.

The ICR is available on <https://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions commenters against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9440 to make an appointment.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This ICR concerns provisions for Certification and Qualification to Examine, Test, Operate Hoists and Perform Other Duties. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, time burden, and burden costs supporting this ICR from the previous ICR.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0127.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit entity.

Number of Annual Respondents: 867.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 3,818.

Annual Time Burden: 351 hours.

Annual Recordkeeping Costs: \$31.

MSHA Form(s): MSHA Form 5000-41, Safety and Health Activity Certification or Hoisting Engineers Qualification Request Form.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed ICR; they will become a matter

of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2007-0039]

Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. for expansion of the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before October 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted as follows:

Electronically: You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency's name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2007-0039). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting information they do not want made available to the public, or submitting materials that contain personal information (either about themselves or others), such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted

material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before October 14, 2026 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693-1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, phone: (202) 693-1000 ext. 18477 or email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, phone: (202) 693-1000 ext. 11538 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. (ITSNA), is applying for expansion of the current recognition as a NRTL. ITSNA requests the addition of one test standard to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA's recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes: (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables