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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-2219]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary,
Department of Defense, (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching
program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on computer matching, the DoD is providing notice of the establishment of a new matching program. Pursuant to the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA), DoD, including its component Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), is establishing a new matching program consisting of the computerized comparison of its system of records for the Military Retirement—Retired Pay program with the Do Not Pay (DNP) Working System, which is administered by Treasury’s Bureau of the Fiscal Service. This matching program will enable the DoD program to compare records maintained in its system of records with records maintained in the DNP Working System for the purposes of identifying and preventing improper payments.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before November 13, 2026. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period unless comments have been received from interested members of the public that require modification and republication of the notice. This new matching program will be effective through September 10, 2029.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and

docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 amended the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a) by establishing procedural safeguards for agencies’ use of records in computerized matching. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 *et seq.*) provides the authority to waive the requirements for matching agreements in certain cases. Pursuant to this authority, the Secretary of the Treasury, after consulting with the OMB Director, authorized the issuance of a four-year waiver of the requirement for entering into a matching agreement for programs that meet the criteria in OMB Memorandum M-25-32. DoD has determined that the DNP matching program for the Military Retirement—Retired Pay (PIIA Program ID: DOD-0046) is eligible for this waiver.

Participating Agencies: The DoD, through DFAS, will match records against the DNP Working System, maintained by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 *et seq.*) and OMB Memorandum M-25-32. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 *et seq.*) establishes the DNP Initiative and requires, for the purposes of identifying and preventing improper payments, each executive agency to have access to, and use of, the relevant databases in DNP to verify payment or award eligibility. Additional applicable authorities for this matching program include Executive Order 13520, Reducing Improper Payments (74 FR 62201); Executive Order 14249, Protecting America’s Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (90 FR 14011); and OMB Memorandum M-25-32, Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay. Additional information regarding the authorities for the collection and maintenance of information for each of

the DoD programs that will conduct matches with the DNP Working System are contained within the systems of records notices listed below.

Purpose(s): The purpose of the matching program is to identify and prevent improper payments by verifying through DNP prepayment or pre-award eligibility.

Categories of Individuals: Applicants for, or recipients of, Federal funds from the Military Retirement—Retired Pay program.

Categories of Records: Data elements to be matched include applicant’s name, Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), address, date of birth, and payment/banking information. These data elements include all the records involved in the matching program.

System(s) of Records: The records contained within the DNP Working System are maintained in the Treasury system of records, Bureau of the Fiscal Service .017—Do Not Pay Payment Verification Records (85 FR 11776). The DoD records involved in this matching program are maintained in the following system of records: T7347b, Defense Military Retiree and Annuity Pay System Records (74 FR 696), (90 FR 54312).

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Office of the Secretary

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Request for Information for 2028 Department of Defense (DoD) State Priorities Impacting Service Members and Their Families

AGENCY: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (MC & FP), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Request for information;
response to public comments.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, the Department of Defense (referred to herein as “the Department”, “Department of War” or DoW”) published a request for information in the **Federal Register** (FR) that provided an opportunity for the public to submit issues that have an impact on service members and their families, where state governments are the primary agents for making positive change. Each year, DoW