

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0850]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Requirements for Recognition as a VA Accredited Organization

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Office of General Counsel (OGC), 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 November 23, 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. 2900–0850.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requirements for Recognition as a VA Accredited Organization.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0850
<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order for an organization to provide representation to claimants before VA regarding claims for VA benefits, the organization must be recognized by VA for that purpose. Section 5902(a) of title 38, United States Code, authorizes VA to recognize organizations for the limited purpose of ensuring competent representation of veterans in claims for benefits administered by VA. VA implemented this authority in 38 CFR 14.628. An organization must apply for VA recognition, supplying information as specified in section 14.628 to demonstrate that it satisfies the legal requirements for recognition. (Organizations may provide services to

veterans without VA recognition if the services do not include the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits.) The information submitted by the organizations in conjunction with a request for recognition is used by VA in reviewing accreditation applications to determine whether organizations meet the requirements for VA recognition under section 14.628. VA relies on this information to ensure that it is granting recognition only to organizations that can provide long-term, competent representation to VA claimants.

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 48508, July 31, 2026.

In response to a comment received during the 60-day comment period, VA is increasing the estimated annual burden from 50 hours to 250 hours and the estimated average burden per respondent from 5 hours to 25 hours.

Affected Public: Individuals, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Annual Burden: 250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 25 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

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

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0059]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Statement of Person Claiming To Have Stood in Relation of Parent

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 November 23, 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. 2900–0059.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 21P–524, Statement of Person Claiming to Have Stood in Relation of Parent.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0059
<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P–524 is used to gather the necessary information to determine a claimant’s parental relationship to a deceased Veteran when the claimant is not the Veteran’s natural mother or father or adopted mother or father. Without this information, determination of entitlement would not be possible. 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 48510, July 31, 2026.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

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

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