

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Savannah Wilburn, Office of Field Operations, savannah.wilburn@sba.gov, Small Business Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Savannah Wilburn, Office of Field Operations, savannah.wilburn@sba.gov, (404) 331–7711 and Shauniece Carter, Interim Agency Clearance Officer, Shauniece.carter@sba.gov, (202) 935–6942.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Capturing more targeted information for SBA events would significantly streamline event planning and execution while strengthening the SBA’s core mission of aiding, counseling, and assisting and protecting the interests of small businesses. By collecting relevant details upfront at registration including, but not limited to, business size, industry, NAICS codes, and current capabilities and needs, SBA can transform reactive data collection into a proactive, efficient process. In addition to registration, SBA may use this generic clearance to collect information for activities to benefit small businesses at all SBA outreach events including, but not limited to, events conducted under the authority granted by 15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(A) and section 132(a) of Division K in Public Law 108–447, as

reauthorized by the annual Appropriations Act.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Summary of Information Collection

PRA Number: To be assigned.

Title: SBA Events Generic Clearances.

Description of Respondents: Small businesses, large corporations, community organizations and federal, state and local governments.

Total Estimated Responses: 30,000.

Total Estimated Hour Burden: 5,000.

Shauniece Carter,

Interim Agency Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21849 and #21850; SOUTH DAKOTA Disaster Number SD–20019]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE (FEMA–4941–DR), dated September 1, 2026. Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

DATES: Issued on October 20, 2026.

Incident Period: June 2, 2026 through June 4, 2026.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: November 30, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: June 1, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaquille Lewis, Office of Disaster Recovery, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster

declaration for the OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE, dated September 1, 2026, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to November 30, 2026.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA–2026–1222]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104–13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB): Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA.

(SSA): Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Fax: 833–410–1631.

Email address:

OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

Or you may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain> by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA’s published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA–2026–1222] in your submitted response.

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than December 28, 2026. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. *Response to Notice of Revised Determination—20 CFR 404.913–404.914, 404.992(b), 416.1413–416.1414, and 416.1492(d)—0960–0347.* In certain circumstances, SSA may reopen and revise a final determination. When a determination that an individual is

disabled is revised based on medical factors, advance notice of the revised determination is given. In response to this notice, the affected individuals may: (1) request a disability hearing to contest SSA's decision; and (2) submit additional information or evidence for SSA to consider. Affected individuals and their representatives use Form SSA–765 to accomplish these two actions. If respondents request the first option, SSA's Disability Hearings Unit uses the form to schedule a hearing; ensure an interpreter is present, if

required; and ensure the disability recipients or claimants, and their representatives, receive a notice about the place and time of the hearing. If respondents choose the second option, SSA uses Form SSA–765 and other evidence to reevaluate the individual's case, and to determine if the new information or evidence will change SSA's proposed revision. The respondents are current disability recipients or their representatives.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–765 (paper form)	136	1	30	68	*\$23.91	**20	***\$2,702
SSA–765 (Upload Documents)	182	1	30	91	*23.91	N/A	***2,176
Totals	318			159			***4,878

* We based these figures on the combined average of both disability payments (\$14.27) based on SSA's current FY 2026 data (Effect of COLA on Average Social Security Benefits) and on the average U.S. worker's hourly wages (\$33.54), as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).

** We based this figure on the average October 2026 wait time for field offices (20 minutes), as captured by SSA's current management information data. This figure is also posted on our public-facing website (Social Security performance | SSA). As the figures fluctuate, the wait times may be different on the website than they appear here. We continue to monitor our website and management information data to ensure we report updated figures when possible. While we have included wait time for all respondents who complete the paper form, we note that respondents are not required to complete the form in person, and those who mail or drop off a completed form do not experience any wait time.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the information collection.*

2. *Redetermination of Eligibility for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs—20 CFR 418.3125—0960–0723.* As mandated under the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, SSA conducts low-income subsidy (Medicare Part D) eligibility redeterminations for Medicare beneficiaries who have limited income and resources and who thus currently receive the Medicare Part D subsidy to help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, including premiums, deductibles, and copays. SSA asks Medicare Part D subsidy recipients to complete Form SSA–1026 (1) for periodic, standard cyclical redeterminations and (2) when recipients report a potentially subsidy-changing event. For the cyclical, periodic redetermination process, SSA's system automatically selects annual respondents based on the following profile and selection criteria: (1)

individuals who became entitled to the Medicare Part D subsidy during the past 12 months; (2) individuals who were eligible for the Part D subsidy for more than 12 months; or (3) individuals who reported a change in income, resources, or household size. For the second category of redeterminations, report of the following life-changing events would trigger a redetermination and would require Medicare Part D beneficiaries to complete the form: (1) marriage; (2) spousal separation; (3) divorce; (4) annulment of a marriage; (5) spousal death; or (6) moving back in with one's spouse following a separation.

SSA mails a cover letter explaining the specific need for the redetermination; a Resource and Income Summary form listing the subsidy-eligible individual's income and resource types and amounts, and the

individual's current household size on record; and the appropriate version of Form SSA–1026 (based on the category of redetermination) for the beneficiary to complete and return to SSA's Wilkes-Barre Direct Operations Center. Once we receive the form, SSA technicians scan the information it into the Medicare Application Processing System to start the redetermination process. If a beneficiary finds the paper process difficult, they may call or visit their local field office, and a technician completes the form with them through a personal interview.

The respondents are current recipients of Medicare Part D low-income subsidy who will undergo an eligibility redetermination for one of the reasons mentioned above.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or teleservice center (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
SSA–1026–REDE	141,128	1	18	42,338	*\$33.54	N/A	***\$1,420,017
SSA–1026–SCE	4,899	1	18	1,470	*33.54	N/A	***49,304

Method of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars) *	Average wait time in field office or teleservice center (minutes) **	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars) ***
REDE Field Office Interview	31,915	1	18	9,575	* 33.54	** 11	*** 517,388
SCE Field Office Interview	1,531	1	18	459	* 33.54	** 11	*** 24,820
Totals	179,473			53,701			*** 1,986,709

* We based this figure on an average U.S. citizen's hourly salary (\$33.54), as reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics data (Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics).

** We based this 11-minute figure on average October 2026 wait times (specifically, the arithmetic mean of a 20-minute field-office wait time and a 1-minute wait time for a call to be picked up automatically by our systems and then routed to an SSA technician. Both the 20-minute and 1-minute figures are themselves averages captured by management information data and posted on our public-facing website, Social Security performance | SSA). As the figures fluctuate, the actual wait times may differ slightly from the averages reported here. We will update these figures periodically to reflect the most accurate available data. We did not include an in-office wait time for the paper form, as respondents only mail it in; therefore, they do not experience any wait time.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on individuals; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the information collection. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the information collection.*

Mark Steffensen,

General Counsel, Chief of Law, Policy and Legislative Affairs, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2026-1024]

Cost-of-Living Increase and Other Determinations for 2027

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under title II of the Social Security Act (Act), there will be a 3.6 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits effective December 2026. In addition, the national average wage index for 2025 is \$72,800.33. The cost-of-living increase and national average wage index affect other program parameters as described below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen K. Sutton, Actuarial Services, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3000. Information relating to this announcement is available at www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/index.html. For information on eligibility or claiming benefits, visit www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because of the 3.6 percent cost-of-living increase, the following items will increase for 2027:

(1) The maximum Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payment amounts for 2027

under title XVI of the Act will be \$1,029 for an eligible individual; \$1,544 for an eligible individual with an eligible spouse; and \$516 for an essential person.

(2) The special benefit amount under title VIII of the Act for certain World War II (WWII) veterans will be \$771.75 for 2027.

(3) The student earned income exclusion under title XVI of the Act will be \$2,500 per month in 2027, but not more than \$10,080 for all of 2027.

(4) The dollar fee limit for services performed as a representative payee will be \$59 per month (\$110 per month in the case of a beneficiary who is determined to be disabled, has an alcoholism or drug addiction condition, and is incapable of managing benefits) in 2027.

(5) The assessment (or “user fee”) dollar limit on the administrative cost charged when the agency pays authorized representative fees and court-awarded attorney fees directly out of a claimant's past due benefits will be \$128, beginning in December 2026.

The national average wage index for 2025 is \$72,800.33. This index affects the following amounts:

(1) The Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) contribution and benefit base will be \$192,300 for remuneration paid in 2027 and self-employment income earned in tax years beginning in 2027.

(2) The monthly exempt amounts under the OASDI retirement earnings test for tax years ending in calendar year 2027 will be \$2,130 for beneficiaries who will attain their Normal Retirement Age (NRA) (defined in the *Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts* section

below) after 2027 and \$5,660 for those who attain NRA in 2027.

(3) The dollar amounts (bend points) used in the primary insurance amount (PIA) formula for workers who become eligible for benefits or who die before becoming eligible, in 2027, will be \$1,340 and \$8,077.

(4) The bend points used in the formula for computing maximum family benefits for workers who become eligible for retirement benefits, or who die before becoming eligible, in 2027, will be \$1,712, \$2,471, and \$3,223.

(5) The taxable earnings a person must have in 2027 to be credited with a quarter of coverage will be \$1,970.

(6) The “old-law” contribution and benefit base under title II of the Act will be \$142,800 for 2027.

(7) The monthly amount of earnings deemed to constitute substantial gainful activity (SGA) for statutorily blind people under title II of the Act will be \$2,950 in 2027. The corresponding amount of earnings for non-blind people with a determined disability under titles II and XVI of the Act will be \$1,770.

(8) The earnings threshold establishing a month as a part of a trial work period will be \$1,270 for 2027.

(9) Coverage thresholds for 2027 will be \$3,100 for domestic workers and \$2,700 for election officials and election workers.

According to section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Act, we must publish the benefit increase percentage and the revised table of “special minimum” benefits within 45 days after the close of the third calendar quarter of 2026.

We must also publish the following by November 1: the national average wage index for 2025 (215(a)(1)(D)), the OASDI fund ratio for 2026 (section