

OCC: Nonaffiliate—60; Affiliate—210.
Board: Nonaffiliate—57; Affiliate—79.
FDIC: Nonaffiliate—200; Affiliate—

150.

OTS: Nonaffiliate—16; Affiliate—0.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Annual Burden Hours per Response:

OCC: Nonaffiliate—30; Affiliate—18.
Board: Nonaffiliate—30; Affiliate—18.
FDIC: Nonaffiliate—30; Affiliate—18.
OTS: Nonaffiliate—30; Affiliate—18.
Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours:

OCC: Nonaffiliate—1,800; Affiliate—3,780. Total: 5,580 burden hours.
Board: Nonaffiliate—1,710; Affiliate—1,422. Total: 3,132 burden hours.
FDIC: Nonaffiliate—6,000; Affiliate—2,700. Total: 8,700 burden hours.
OTS: Nonaffiliate—480; Affiliate—0. Total: 480 burden hours.

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory. 12 U.S.C. 1828(c) (OCC, FDIC, and OTS), and 12 U.S.C. 321, 1828(c), and 4804 (Board). Except for select sensitive items, this information collection is not given confidential treatment. Small businesses, that is, small institutions, are affected.

Abstract: This submission covers a revision to the agencies' merger application form for both affiliated and nonaffiliated institutions. The form's title is the Interagency Bank Merger Act Application. The agencies need the information to ensure that the proposed transactions are permissible under law and regulation and are consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The agencies are required, under the Bank Merger Act, to consider financial and managerial resources, future prospects, convenience and needs of the community, community reinvestment, and competition.

Some agencies collect limited supplemental information in certain cases. For example, the OCC and OTS collect information regarding CRA commitments, the OCC collects the identity and the activity of each subsidiary to be acquired, the Federal Reserve collects information on debt servicing from certain institutions, and the FDIC requires additional information on the competitive impact of proposed mergers.

Current Actions: On January 10, 2002, the agencies published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 1405), a notice on the proposed revisions to this information collection. The comment period expired on March 11, 2002. The agencies received no public comments and are now submitting requests to OMB for approval of the extension, with revision, of this information collection, as proposed.

Section 307(c) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) requires the appropriate agency to consult with the appropriate state insurance regulator prior to making any determination relating to the initial affiliation of, or the continuing affiliation of, a depository institution with a company engaged in insurance activities. As a result, the agencies propose to add an item to the form to collect information regarding the name of an affiliated insurance company, a description of its insurance activities, and the name of the state in which the company is domiciled or in which it has a resident license. Additionally, the General Instructions contain technical corrections to make them uniform with the proposed revisions to the "Interagency Charter and Federal Deposit Insurance Application" form.

Further, the OCC is making a change to its Business Combinations booklet of the Manual by adding the interagency application form and providing updated information about filing for a merger. These changes are not material and are technical in nature. These changes are an administrative adjustment, and do not change, in any way, the requirements on national banks.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on:

- Whether the information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- Estimates of capital or start up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

Dated: April 16, 2002.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 22, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 19th day of April, 2002.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

Dated: April 22, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0014]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine enrollment conditions and to certify pursuit and attendance for rehabilitation and special restorative or specialized vocational training program.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0576" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status, VA Form 28-1905.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0014.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collected on VA Form 28-1905 ensures that veterans or other eligible persons do not receive benefits for periods when they did not actually begin to participate in any rehabilitation or special restorative or specialized vocational training program. VA uses the information to establish the correct beginning and ending dates for the education, training, or other rehabilitation services and the correct rates for subsistence allowance payments.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, farms, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,917 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35,000.

Dated: April 18, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to conduct a study to determine whether there was an increased prevalence of illnesses among veterans due to service in the Gulf War.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Longitudinal Health Study of Gulf War Veterans, VA Form 10-21055(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-New.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a longitudinal study of Gulf War veterans to evaluate the health of veterans ten years after the Gulf War. The study will allow VA to monitor the health of veterans over time to determine the extent of the health problems among Gulf War veterans and whether health status of Gulf War veterans is better or worse than the health of veterans who were not deployed to the Gulf.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,966 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Every 3 years.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,933.

Dated: April 18, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary:

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

President's Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. and Thursday, May 9, 2002, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning at 11:30 a.m. The May 8 session will be held in the Horizon Ballroom of the Ronald Reagan Building International