

being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

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#### **Titles**

- a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists.
- b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists.
- c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents.
- d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations.
- e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0205.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Forms 10-2850 and 10-2850a through c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate's qualifications for employment with VA. VHA officials use the information to evaluate education, professional experience and credentials and to determine suitability and grade level of applications of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, nurses and nurse anesthetists, residents, and associated health occupations, and appraisal of applicants. The forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registrations, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings. Form Letter 10-341a is a pre employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 applicant.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 68,610 hours.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—6,450 hours.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—25,800 hours.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—13,760 hours.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—8,600 hours.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—14,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 27 minutes.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—30 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—30 minutes.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—30 minutes.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—30 minutes.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 151,220.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists and Optometrists—12,900.

b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists—51,600.

c. VA Form 10-2850b, Application for Residents—27,520.

d. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations—17,200.

e. VA Form FL 10-341a, Appraisal of Applicant—42,000.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0208]**

#### **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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information used to notify contractors of available work, solicit and evaluate bids, and monitor work in progress.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0208" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**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.

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#### **Titles**

a. VA Form 10-6131, Daily Log—Formal Contract

b. VA Form 10-6298, Architect—Engineer Fee Proposal

c. VA Form 10-6299, Supplement to SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0208.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:*

a. VA Form 10-6131 is used by contractors to furnish daily reports verifying work progression and assures proper contract compliance.

b. VA Form 10-6298 is used by architect-engineering firms to submit a fee proposal on the scope and complexity of an individual project.

c. VA Form 10-6299 is mailed with SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application, is used to compile a list of potential bidders and by potential contractors who are afforded advance notification of projects.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 7,400 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent*

a. VA Form 10-6131—12 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-6298—4 hours.

c. VA Form 10-6299—6 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*

a. VA Form 10-6131—18,000.

b. VA Form 10-6298—200.

c. VA Form 10-6299—3,000.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0609]

### 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 revision 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 an accurate projection of VA's ability to serve veterans who are seeking VA services.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0609" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**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.

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*Title:* Veterans Enrollees' Health and Reliance Upon VA, VA Form 10-21034g.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0609.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Public Law 104-262, The Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996, mandated VA to implement eligibility reforms with an annual enrollment. VA must enroll veterans by specified priorities as far down the priorities as the available resources permit. There is no valid, recent information available in administrative databases on all enrollees' health status, income, and their reliance upon the VA system. The magnitude of changes each year in enrollees, their characteristics, and system policies make annual surveys necessary to capture this critical information for input into VHA's Health Care Services Demand Model.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 9,375 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37,500.

Dated: October 1, 2002.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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