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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment 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 to and an extension 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.

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- I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them 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 **INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

- 1. Application for Benefits Under the Italy-U.S. International Social Security Agreement -- 20 CFR 404.1925 -- 0960-0445.** As per the November 1, 1978 agreement between the United States and Italian Social Security agencies, residents of Italy filing an application for U.S. Social Security benefits directly with one of the Italian Social Security agencies must complete Form SSA-2528. SSA uses the SSA-2528 to establish age, relationship, citizenship, marriage, death, military service, or to evaluate a family bible or other family record when

determining eligibility for benefits. The Italian Social Security agencies assist applicants in completing Form SSA-2528, and then forward the application to SSA for processing. The respondents are individuals living in Italy who wish to file for U.S. Social Security benefits.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-2528	300	1	20	100

- 2. Internet Direct Deposit Application -- 31 CFR 210 -- 0960-0634.** SSA requires all applicants and recipients of Social Security Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments to receive these benefits and payments via direct deposit at a financial institution. SSA receives Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) enrollment information from OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients to facilitate DD/EFT of their funds with their chosen financial institution. We also use this information when an enrolled individual wishes to change their DD/EFT information. For the convenience of the respondents, we collect this information through several modalities, including an Internet application, in-office or telephone interviews, and our automated telephone system. In addition to using the direct deposit information to enable DD/EFT of funds to the recipients' chosen financial institution, we also use the information through our Direct Deposit Fraud Indicator to ensure the correct recipient receives the funds. Respondents are

OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients requesting that we enroll them in the Direct Deposit program or change their direct deposit banking information.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
Internet DD	188,129	1	10	31,355
Non-Electronic Services (FO, 800#-ePath, MSSICS,SPS, MACADE,POS,RP)	6,455,815	1	12	1,291,163
Automated 800# Response System	237,065	1	8	31,609
Direct Deposit Fraud Indicator	10,000	1	2	333
Totals	6,891,009			1,354,460

3. Certification of Contents of Document(s) or Record(s) -- 20 CFR 404.715 -- 0960-0689. SSA established procedures for individuals to provide the evidence necessary to establish their rights to Social Security benefits. Examples of such evidence categories include age, relationship, citizenship, marriage, death, and military service. Form SSA-704 allows SSA employees, State record custodians, and other custodians of evidentiary documents to certify and record information from original documents and records under their custodial ownership to establish these types of evidence. SSA uses Form SSA-704 in situations where individuals cannot produce the original evidentiary documentation required to establish benefits eligibility. The respondents are State record custodians and other custodians of evidentiary documents.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-704	4,800	1	10	800

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. Certificate of Support -- 20 CFR 404.370, 404.750, 404.408a -- 0960-0001.

A parent of a deceased, fully insured worker may be entitled to Social Security OASDI benefits based on the earnings record of the deceased worker under certain conditions. One of the conditions is the parent must have received at least one-half support from the deceased worker. The one-half support requirement also applies to a spousal applicant in determining whether OASDI benefits are subject to Government Pension Offset (GPO). SSA uses the information from Form SSA-760-F4 to determine if the parent of a deceased worker or a spouse applicant meets the one-half support requirement. Respondents are (1) parents of deceased workers and (2) spouses who may meet the GPO exception.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-760-F4	18,000	1	15	4,500

2. Physician’s/Medical Officer’s Statement of Patient’s Capability to Manage

Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.2015 and 416.615 -- 0960-0024. SSA appoints a

representative payee in cases where we determine beneficiaries’ are not capable

of managing their own benefits. In those instances, we require medical evidence

to determine the beneficiaries’ capability of managing or directing their benefit

payments. SSA collects medical evidence on Form SSA-787 to (1) determine

beneficiaries’ capability or inability to handle their own benefits, and (2) assist in

determining the beneficiaries’ need for a representative payee. The respondents

are the beneficiaries’ physicians, or medical officers of the institution in which the

beneficiaries reside.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-787	120,000	1	10	20,000

3. Pre-1957 Military Service Federal Benefit Questionnaire -- 20 CFR 404.1301-

404.1371 -- 0960-0120. SSA may grant gratuitous military wage credits for

active military or naval service (under certain conditions) during the period

September 16, 1940 through December 31, 1956, if no other Federal agency

(other than the Veterans Administration) credited the service for benefit eligibility

or computation purposes. We use Form SSA-2512 to collect specific information about other Federal, military, or civilian benefits the wage earner may receive when the applicant indicates both pre-1957 military service and the receipt of a Federal benefit. SSA uses the data in the claims adjudication process to grant gratuitous military wage credits when applicable, and to solicit sufficient information to determine eligibility. Respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits on a record where the wage earner claims pre-1957 military service.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-2512	5,000	1	10	833

4. Authorization for the Social Security Administration to Obtain Account

Records from a Financial Institution and Request for Records -- 20 CFR

416.200, 416.203 -- 0960-0293. SSA collects and verifies financial information

from individuals applying for SSI to determine if the applicant meets the SSI resource eligibility requirements. SSA contacts claimants' financial institutions to verify the existence, ownership, and value of the account owned when the claimants provide incomplete, unavailable, or seemingly altered records.

Financial institutions require individuals to sign Form SSA-461-U2 to authorize them to disclose records to SSA. The respondents are SSI applicants, recipients, and their deemons.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-4641 (paper)	44,100	1	6	4,410
e4641 (electronic)	6,955,900	1	2	231,863
Totals	7,000,000			236,273

5. Statement of Household Expenses and Contributions -- 20 CFR 416.1130-

416.1148 -- 0960-0456. SSA bases eligibility for SSI on the needs of the recipient. In part, we assess need by determining the amount of income a recipient receives. This income includes in-kind support and maintenance in the form of food and shelter provided by others. SSA uses Form SSA-8011-F3 to determine whether the claimant or recipient receives in-kind support and maintenance. This is necessary to determine (1) the claimant or recipient's eligibility for SSI and (2) the SSI payment amount. SSA only uses this form in cases where SSA needs the householder's (head of household) corroboration of in-kind support and maintenance. Respondents are householders of homes in which an SSI applicant or recipient resides.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-8011-F3	428,100	1	15	107,025

6. Notification of a Social Security Number (SSN) to An Employer for Wage

Reporting -- 20 CFR 422.103(a) -- 0960-0778. Individuals applying for employment must provide an SSN or indicate they have applied for one.

However, when an individual applies for an initial SSN, there is a delay between the assignment of the number and the delivery of the SSN card. At an individual's request, SSA uses Form SSA-132 to send the individual's SSN to an employer. Mailing this information to the employer (1) ensures the employer has the correct SSN for the individual; (2) allows SSA to receive correct earnings information for wage reporting purposes; and (3) reduces the delay in the initial SSN assignment and delivery of the SSN information directly to the employer. It also enables SSA to verify the employer as a safeguard for the applicant's personally identifiable information. The majority of individuals who take advantage of this option are in the United States with exchange visitor and student visas; however, we allow any applicant for an SSN to use the SSA-132. The respondents are individuals applying for an initial SSN who ask SSA to mail confirmation of their application or the SSN to their employers.

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

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-132	249,000	1	2	8,300

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