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Agency Information Collection (Student Verification of Enrollment) Activity under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0465" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492, FAX (202) 632-7583 or e-mail crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0465.”

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title: Student Verification of Enrollment, VA Form 22-8979.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0465.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-8979 contains a student’s certification of actual attendance and verification of the student’s continued enrollment in courses leading to a standard college degree or in non-college degree programs. VA uses the data collected to determine the student’s continued entitlement to benefits. Students are required to submit verification on a monthly basis to allow for a frequent, periodic release of payment.

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 on November 13, 2012, at page 67737-67738.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 42,313 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 minute.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 362,684.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,538,788.

Dated: January 25, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary:

William F. Russo, Deputy Director
Office of Regulations Policy and Management
Office of General Counsel
Department of Veterans Affairs

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