



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**[OMB Number 1105-0085]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection, Comments Requested; Extension with Change, of a Previously Approved Collection**

**Application for Approval as a Provider of a Personal Financial Management Instructional Course**

**AGENCY:** Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Trustees (EOUST) will be submitting an extension of information collection, through its Application for Approval as a Provider of a Personal Financial Management Instructional Course, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 38221, on June 13, 2016, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until

**[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection with

instructions, of if you need additional information, please contact Carrie Weinfeld, Department of Justice, EOUST, at 441 G Street, N.W. Suite 6150, Washington DC 205330 (phone: (202) 307-1399). Written comments and/or suggestions can also be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503 or sent to OIRA\_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection.

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Approval as a Nonprofit Budget and Credit Counseling Agency (Application).
3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: There is no form number. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Executive Office for United States Trustees.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Individuals and entities that wish to offer instructional courses to debtors concerning personal financial management pursuant to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (“BAPCPA”), Pub. L. No. 109-8, 119 Stat. 23, 37, 38 (April 20, 2005), and codified at 11 U.S.C. sections 109(h) and 111, and Application Procedures and Criteria for Approval of Providers of a Personal Financial Management Instructional Course by United States Trustees, 78 FR 16,159 (March 14, 2013) (Rule).

The BAPCPA requires individual debtors in bankruptcy cases to complete a personal financial management instructional course from a provider that has been approved by the United States Trustee as a condition of receiving a discharge. The Application

collects information from such providers in order to ensure compliance with the law and the Rule.

5. Estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 195 respondents will complete the application; initial applicants will complete the application in approximately ten (10) hours, while renewal applicants will complete the application in approximately four (4) hours. In addition, it is estimated that approximately 966,868 debtors will complete a survey evaluating the effectiveness of an instructional course in approximately one (1) minute.
6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: the estimated total annual public burden associated with this application is 17,014.5 hours; the applicants' burden is 900 hours and the debtors' burden is 16,114.5 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

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