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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment;  
Comment Request Relating to Relief for Certain Spouses of Military Personnel**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the requirements relating to the relief and procedures for spouses of U.S. servicemembers who are working in or claiming residence or domicile in a U.S. territory.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Relief for Certain Spouses of Military Personnel.

**OMB Number:** 1545-2169.

**Document Number(s):** Notices: 2010-30, 2011-16, and 2012-41.

**Abstract:** The Military Spouses Residency Relief Act (“MSRRA”) was signed into law on November 11, 2009 (Public Law 111-97). MSRRA applies to the 2009 and subsequent tax years. This collection provides guidance to taxpayers who claim the benefits of the tax provisions under MSRRA for the 2009 and subsequent tax years. These documents provide civilian spouses working in a U.S. territory but claiming a tax residence in one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia (“U.S. mainland”) under MSRRA with an extension of time for paying the tax due the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) (Internal Revenue Code § 6161). Additionally, these documents provide civilian spouses working on the U.S. mainland but claiming a tax residence in a U.S. territory under MSRRA with guidance on filing claims for refund of federal income taxes that their employers withheld and remitted to the IRS or estimated tax payments the taxpayers paid to the IRS.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to the burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

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

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 6,200.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 1 hr.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 6,200.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

**Desired Focus of Comments:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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