SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2020-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activities: 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 one revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

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.

(OMB)
Office of Management and Budget
Attn: Desk Officer for SSA
Fax: 202-395-6974
Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov
SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding this information collection 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 this OMB clearance package by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

**Work Activity Report (Self-Employment) -- 20 CFR 404.1520(b), 404.1571-404.1576, 404.1584-404.1593, and 416.971-416.976 -- 0960-0598.** SSA uses Form SSA-820-BK to determine initial or continuing eligibility for: (1) Title II Social Security disability benefits
Under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, recipients receive disability benefits and SSI payments based on their inability to engage in substantial gainful activity (SGA) due to a physical or mental condition. Therefore, when the recipients resume work, they must report their work so SSA can evaluate and determine by law whether they continue to meet the disability requirements. SSA uses Form SSA-820-BK to obtain information on self-employment activities of Social Security Title II and XVI disability applicants and recipients. We use the data we obtain to evaluate disability claims, and to help us determine if the claimant meets current disability provisions under Titles II and XVI. Since applicants for disability benefits or payments must prove an inability to perform any kind of SGA generally available in the national economy for which we expect them to qualify based on age, education, and work experience, any work an applicant performed until, or subsequent to, the date the disability allegedly began, affects our disability determination. The respondents are applicants and claimants for SSI payments or SSDI benefits.

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

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<th>Modality of Completion</th>
<th>Number of Respondents</th>
<th>Frequency of Response</th>
<th>Average Burden per Response (minutes)</th>
<th>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</th>
<th>Average Theoretical Hourly Cost Amount (dollars)*</th>
<th>Average Wait Time in Field Office (minutes) **</th>
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** We based this figure on the average FY 2020 wait times for field offices, based on SSA’s current management information data.

*** This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. **There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.**

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