Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Title 38 Positions - Applications and Appraisals for Employment

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, 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, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny S. Green, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email danny.green2@va.gov Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0205” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Title 38 Positions - Applications and Appraisals for Employment (VA Forms 10-2850, 10-2850a, 10-2850c, FL 10-341(a))

OMB Control Number: 2900-0205.

Type of Review: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information is authorized by Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) 7403, (Veterans’ Benefits), which provides that appointments of Title 38 employees will be made only after qualifications have been satisfactorily verified in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Occupations listed in 38 U.S.C. 7401(1) and 7401(3) (Appointments in Veterans Health Administration), are appointed at a grade and step rate or an assignment based on careful evaluation of their education and experience.

VA Forms 10-2850, 10-2850a, and 10-2850c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate’s qualifications for employment with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as well as educational and experience. To assure that a full evaluation of each candidate’s credentials can be made prior to employment, the forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registration, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings.

VA Form Letter 10-341a is the pre-employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the Title 38 applicant. This collection of information is necessary to determine eligibility for employment and the appropriate grade and step rate or assignment.

a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, Optometrists, and Chiropractors, will collect information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.
b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists, will collect information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.

c. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations, will collect information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.

d. VA Form Letter 10-341(a), Appraisal of Applicant, will collect information used to determine if applicant meets the requirements for employment.

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 at 85 FR 73 on April 15, 2020, page 21071.

VA Form 10-2850:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,064 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,128.

VA Form 10-2850a:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 32,256 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64,511.

VA Form 10-2850c:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,752 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,504.

VA Form Letter 10-341(a):

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,410 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,820.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Department of Veterans Affairs.

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