



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2020-OS-0106]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert 60 days from publication of this notice in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: The DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions

from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Kellen Stout, 8899 E 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46249 or call (317) 212-1801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Dependency Statements; Parent (DD Form 137-3), Incapacitated Child Over Age 21 (DD Form 137-5), Full Time Student 21-22 Years of Age (DD Form 137-6), and Ward of a Court (DD Form 137-7); OMB Control Number 0730-0014.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependent rate, travel allowance, or uniformed services identification and privilege card.

Information regarding a parent, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court is provided by the military member. A medical doctor or psychiatrist, college administrator, or a dependent's employer may need to provide information for claims. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide more than one half of the claimed dependent's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Vol 7A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreased the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 13477.5.

Number of Respondents: 14,975.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 14,975.

Average Burden per Response: 54 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: December 30, 2020.

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