DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0197]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Annual Report on Appeals Process (RSA-722)

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change to a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 30th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Comments may also be sent to ICDocketmgr@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Caneshia Mcalister, 202-245-6059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department
assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s 
reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information 
collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is 
soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is 
described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public 
comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper 
functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely 
manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance 
the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the 
Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through 
the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in 
response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Annual Report on Appeals Process (RSA-722) 

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0563 

*Type of Review:* An extension without change to a currently approved collection 

*Respondents / Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments 

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 78 

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 156 

*Abstract:* Pursuant to Subsection 102(c )(8)(A) and (B) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 
as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the RSA-722 
is needed to meet specific data collection requirements on the number of requests for 
mediations, hearings, administrative reviews, and other methods of dispute resolution 
requested and the manner in which they were resolved. The information collected is used 
to evaluate the types of complaints made by applicants and eligible individuals of the 
vocational rehabilitation program and the final resolution of appeals filed. Respondents
are State agencies that administer the Federal/State Program for Vocational Rehabilitation.

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