



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0014]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection, eComments Requested; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal; DEA Forms 224, 224A

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the *Federal Register*, volume 88 volume pages 13469-13470 on March 3, 2023, allowing for a 60 day comment period. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Scott A. Brinks, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 776-3882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- 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;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information proposed to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 1117-0014. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of this information collection:

1. Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

2. Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal.
3. The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: DEA Forms: 224, 224A. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:
Affected public: Private Sector—business or other for-profit. Abstract: The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. 801–971) requires all persons that manufacture, distribute, dispense, conduct research with, import, or export any controlled substance to obtain a registration issued by the Attorney General. The proposed revisions are implementations of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022, which was a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328. DEA would be revising the proposed information collections by adding a checkbox to the new application and renewal application for applicants to affirm that they have completed the new eight-hour training requirement. DEA would also be adding three questions to the applications in regards to the training requirements, in which they would be required to answer yes to at least one of the questions in order to proceed.
5. Obligation to respond: Required to retain or obtain a benefit.
6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: # of respondents.
7. Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes for the DEA-224a form and 10 minutes for the DEA-224 form (average time per response is 15 minutes).
8. Frequency: Once a year.
9. Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 136,128.
10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$17,679,160.

If additional information is required, contact: John R. Carlson, Department Clearance Officer,
Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice,
Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218 Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: May 22, 2023.

John R Carlson,

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U.S. Department of Justice.

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