



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0023]

Extension of a Previously Approved Collection: Public Charters

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Transportation (DOT) invites the general public, industry and other governmental parties to comment on Public Charters. A *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on April 21, 2023. No comments were received.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by July 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Reather Flemmings (202-366-1865) and Mr. Brett Kruger (202-366-8025), Office of the Secretary, Office of International Aviation, U.S. Air Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division-X44, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, DC, 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2106-0005.

Title: Public Charters, 14 CFR Part 380.

Form Numbers: 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535.

Type of Review: Extension of a Previously Approved Collection: The current OMB inventory has not changed.

Abstract: 14 CFR part 380 establishes regulations embodying the Department's terms and conditions for Public Charter operators to conduct air transportation using direct air carriers. Public Charter operators arrange transportation for groups of people on chartered aircraft. This arrangement is often less expensive for the travelers than individually buying a ticket. Part 380 exempts charter operators from certain provisions of the U.S. code in order that they may provide this service. A primary goal of part 380 is to seek protection for the consumer. Accordingly, the rule stipulates that the charter operator must file evidence (a prospectus—consisting of OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535, and supporting financial documents) with the Department for each charter program certifying that it has entered into a binding contract with a direct air carrier to provide air transportation and that it has also entered into agreements with Department-approved financial institutions for the protection of charter participants' funds. The prospectus must be accepted by the Department prior to the operator's advertising, selling or operating the charter. If the prospectus information were not collected it would be extremely difficult to assure compliance with agency rules and to assure that public security and other consumer protection requirements were in place for the traveling public. The information collected is available for public inspection (*unless the respondent specifically requests confidential treatment*). Part 380 does not provide any assurances of confidentiality.

Burden Statement: Completion of all forms in a prospectus can be accomplished in approximately two hours (30 minutes per form) for new filers and one hour for amendments (existing filings). The forms are simplified and request only basic information about the proposed programs and the private sector filer. The respondent can submit a filing to operate for up to one year and include as many flights as desired, in most cases. If an operator chooses to make changes to a previously approved charter operation, then the operator is required by regulations to file revisions to its original prospectus.

Respondents: Private Sector: Air carriers; tour operators; the general public (including groups and individuals, corporations and Universities or Colleges, etc.).

Number of Respondents: 245
Number of Responses: 1,782
Total Annual Burden: 891

Frequency of Responses:

245 (respondents) x 4 = 980
401 (amendments *from the same respondents*) x 2 = 802
Total estimated responses: 980 + 802 = 1,782

The frequency of response is dependent upon whether the operator is requesting a new program or amending an existing prospectus. Variations occur due to the respondents' criteria. On average four responses (forms 4532, 4533, 4534 and/or 4535) are required for filing new prospectuses and two of the responses (forms) are required for amendments. The separate hour burden estimate is as follows:

Total Annual Burden: 891 hours

Approximately 1,782 (responses) x 0.50 (per form) = 891

Public Comments Invited: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, by the use of electronic means, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

A *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period on the information collection was published on April 21, 2023 (88 FR 24659).

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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