



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1140-0112]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reciprocity Questionnaire

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice (DOJ), 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*, on October 26, 2023, allowing a 60-day comment period.

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: Gwen Cates, PSD, by email at Gwen.Cates@atf.gov or telephone at 202-648-9434.

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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
- 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 1140-0112. 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 previously approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Reciprocity Questionnaire.
3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: ATF Form 8620.59.

Component: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.

4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: The Reciprocity Questionnaire (ATF F 8620.59) is used to determine if a candidate for federal or contractor employment at ATF has a previously completed background investigation and/or a polygraph examination from another federal agency, and whether the candidate is currently the subject of any investigation being conducted by the candidate's current employer. Information Collection (IC) OMB 1140-0112 is being revised due to material changes to the form, such as chart consolidation, new questions added, question removal and renumbering, updated instructions to include information relating to current investigations being conducted on the applicant/candidate by their current employer, and amendment of the Paper Reduction Act to correspond with updated instructions.
5. Obligation to Respond: The obligation to respond is voluntary.
6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000 respondents.
7. Estimated Time per Respondent: 10 minutes.
8. Frequency: Once annually.
9. Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 333 hours.
10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, 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: December 29, 2023.

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U.S. Department of Justice.

