



## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act Applications; OMB 3220-0039.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) (45 U.S.C. 362), sickness benefits are payable to qualified railroad employees who are unable to work because of illness or injury. In addition, sickness benefits are payable to qualified female employees if they are unable to work, or if working would be injurious, because of pregnancy, miscarriage, or childbirth. Under Section 1(k) of the RUIA a statement of sickness, with respect to days of sickness of an employee, is to be filed with the RRB within a 10-day period from the first day claimed as a day of sickness. The Railroad Retirement Board's (RRB) authority for requesting supplemental medical information is Section 12(i) and 12(n) of the RUIA. The procedures for claiming sickness benefits

and for the RRB to obtain supplemental medical information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR Part 335.

The forms currently used by the RRB to obtain information needed to determine eligibility for, and the amount of, sickness benefits due a claimant follow: Form SI-1a, Application for Sickness Benefits; Form SI-1b, Statement of Sickness; Form SI-3, Claim for Sickness Benefits; Form SI-7, Supplemental Doctor's Statement; Form SI-8, Verification of Medical Information; and Form ID-11A, Requesting Reason for Late Filing of Sickness Benefit. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 85257 on October 25, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c) (2). That request elicited no comments.

### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act Applications

OMB Control Number: 3220-0039

Form(s) submitted: SI-1a, SI-1b, SI-3, SI-3 (Internet), SI-7, SI-8, and ID-11A

Type of request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act sickness benefits are payable to qualified railroad employees who are unable to work because of illness or injury. The collection obtains information from railroad employees and physicians needed to determine eligibility to and the amount of such benefits.

Changes proposed: **The RRB proposes no changes to Forms SI-1a, SI-1b, SI-3, SI-3 (Internet), SI-7, SI-8, and ID-11A.**

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
SI-1a (Employee)	11,179	10	1,863
SI-1b (Doctor)	11,179	8	1,490
SI-3 (Manual)	100,120	5	8,343
SI-3 (Internet)	82,812	5	6,901
SI-7	12,151	8	1,620
SI-8	24	5	2
ID-11A	284	4	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,749</b>		<b>20,238</b>

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents or comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-1275 or emailed to Brian.Foster@rrb.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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.

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