



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Agency Collection Activities; Requesting Comments Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The IRS, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the VITA/TCE (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling for the Elderly) Volunteer Program.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before **May 6, 2025**, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB Control No. 1545-2222 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Marcus McCrary, (470) 769-2001, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at marcus.w.mccrary@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: VITA/TCE Volunteer Program.

OMB Control Number: 1545-2222.

Form Number: 8653, 8654, 13206, 13715, 13977, 13978, 13979, 13979-A, 13980 and 13981, 14204, 14310, and 14335.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Service offers free assistance with tax return preparation and tax counseling using specially trained volunteers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs assist seniors and individuals with low to moderate incomes, those with disabilities.

Current Actions: There is a change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. The agency has requested to add Forms 13977, 13978, and 14335 to this collection and has updated the form to meet 508 compliance. The information on the form can only be submitted to the IRS at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-tax-volunteers>. This process is part of Link and Learn (a self-paced e-learning for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (VITA/TCE) program).

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Responses: 49,700.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,083.5.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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