



## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the funding relief for multiemployer defined benefit pension plans under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** 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](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include OMB control number 1545-2300 or Funding relief for multiemployer defined benefit pension plans under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the notice should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Title: Funding relief for multiemployer defined benefit pension plans under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

OMB Number: 1545-2300.

Notice Number: 2021-57.

Abstract: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2, sections 9701, 9702, and 9703 provide elective funding relief for multiemployer defined benefit pension plans to address the continued impact of COVID-19. This notice provides guidance for sponsors of multiemployer defined benefit pension plans on the elections under sections 9701 and 9702 of the ARP Act, and the relief provided

under section 9703 of the ARP Act, relating to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) sections 431 and 432.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 937.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 896.

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 if 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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