



[OMB Control No. 2900-0043]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Application Request to Add and/or
Remove Dependents**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or

sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application Request to Add and/or Remove Dependents (VA Form 21-686c).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0043. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-686c is used to gather the necessary information to determine eligibility for additional benefits for dependents. Without this information, entitlement to these benefits could not be determined.

No changes have been made to this form. The estimated annual burden has increased due to the increase in the estimated number of respondents, which is based on the increase in the number of submissions of this collection since the last renewal for this collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 267,769 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 535,538 per year.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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