



[OMB Control No. 2900-0004]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivors Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Available); Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child – In-Service Death Only; and Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, 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, Veterans Benefits Administration (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: The 21P-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivors Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Available). The 21P-534a, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child – In-Service Death Only. The 21P-534EZ, Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0004. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The VA Form 21P-534 is used to gather the necessary information to determine the eligibility of surviving spouses and children for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), death pension, accrued benefits, and death compensation. VA Form 21P-534a is an abbreviated application for DIC that is used only by surviving spouses and children of veterans who died while on active duty service. The VA Form

21P-534EZ is used for the Fully Developed Claims (FDC) program for pension claims, DIC and accrued claims. The 21P-534EZ (Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits) within this collection is a revision. The 21P-534 (Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivors Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable)) within this collection is being discontinued, the discontinuance will have no negative impact on the collection. The 21P-534a, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child – In-Service Death Only) within this collection will remain the same.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 130,138 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 43 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 181,588.

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

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