



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12712]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2025-0004” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- *E-mail:* McbrayerWD@state.gov
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Daniel McBrayer, PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street, NW, SA-9, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20522-0908

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Daniel McBrayer,

PRM/Admissions, 2025 E Street, NW, SA-9, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20522-0908, who may be reached on (202) 812-2756 or at McbrayerWD@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0203
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection
- *Originating Office:* Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM/A)
- *Form Number:* DS-0234
- *Respondents:* Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa recipients eligible for resettlement benefits
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 35,000
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 35,000
- *Average Time Per Response:* 15 minutes
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 8,750 hours
- *Frequency:* On Occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Form DS-234 elicits information used to determine the eligibility of certain Iraqis and Afghan SIV recipients for refugee resettlement benefits.

Methodology

The SIV Biodata information form (DS-234) is submitted electronically by the applicant to the National Visa Center, which will forward the forms to the Refugee Processing Center of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

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