



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility - Unmarried Surviving Spouses

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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should 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: VA Form 26-1817, Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility – Unmarried Surviving Spouses.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0055. <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 26-1817 is submitted by an unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran whose death was service-connected for determination of eligibility for VA home loan benefits as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3701(b)(2). Serves to record application and internal VA processing of request including verification on veterans service-connected death and status of applicant as unmarried surviving spouse. In addition, adjustments were made to the burden hours from the previous submission. The change reflects a correction to a previous estimate. The adjustments is attributed to a higher number of respondent applications, likely due to an increase in VA home loan benefit among the surviving spouses.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One Time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,500.

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

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