



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0914]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party – Education 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, 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.

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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The VA Form 22-10278 is used to release information in its custody or control in the following circumstances: where the individual identifies the particular information and consents to its use; for the purpose for which it was collected or a consistent purpose (i.e., a purpose which the individual might have reasonably expected). By law, VA must have a claimants or beneficiary's written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out claim or benefit information for any purpose that is not contained in VA's System of Records, 58VA21/22/28 Compensation, Pension, Education and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records-VA. The claimant or beneficiary may revoke the authorization at any time, except if VA has already acted based on the claimant's permission.

The VA Form 22-10278 will be available on the VA.gov website in a fillable electronic format. The form can be submitted either electronically or mailed to the appropriate VA Regional Processing Office. The burden is decreased due to data for calendar year periods 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Affected Public: Veterans and beneficiaries eligible for VA educational assistance benefits.

Estimated Annual Burden: 27 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 322.

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

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