



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Certification of Identity (Form BC-300).

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on June 9th, 2025, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Certification of Identity (Form BC-300)

OMB Control Number: 0607-1018

Form Number(s): Form BC-300

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for an Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection, as a Common Form.

Number of Respondents: 260 (three-year annualized average)

Average Hours Per Response: 6 minutes

Burden Hours: 26

Needs and Uses: The need for the Certification of Identity (Form BC-300) is imperative to performing accurate controls of the disbursement of personnel records to the public. This information collection is necessary to prevent unauthorized disclosure of records of individuals

maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau, and allows parties who are, or were, in proceedings to disclose or release their records to an attorney, accredited representative, qualified organization, or other third party. The Form BC-300 will be hosted by the Census Bureau as a Common Form. The 60-day Federal Register notice referenced the number of respondents, and that number has been updated to 400. This number of respondents more accurately reflects the number of Certification of Identity Forms that are received annually.

Affected Public: Individuals requesting the release of his or her own personnel records.

Frequency: Ongoing collection

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary

Legal Authority: In accordance with 15 C.F.R. Part 4, Subpart B, the U.S. Census Bureau requires the submission of sufficient information to identify individuals that submit requests by mail or otherwise not in person under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607-1018.

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