



[OMB Control No. 2900-0721]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Examination for Housebound Status or  
Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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](http://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:* Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance (VA Form 21-2680).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0721. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-2680 is used to determine eligibility for the aid and attendance and/or housebound benefits. The purpose of this examination is to record manifestations and findings pertinent to the question of whether the claimant is housebound (confined to the home or immediate premises) or in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person. The report should be in sufficient detail for the VA decision makers to determine the extent that disease or injury produces physical or mental impairment, that loss of coordination or enfeeblement affects the ability: to dress and undress; to feed themselves; to attend to the wants of nature; or keep themselves ordinarily clean and presentable. Findings should be recorded to show whether the claimant is blind or bedridden. Whether the claimant seeks housebound or aid and attendance benefits, the report should reflect how well they ambulate, where they go, and what they are able to do during a typical day. Without this information, entitlement to these benefits cannot be determined.

No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has increased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Estimated Annual Burden: 56,294 hours.*

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.*

*Frequency of Response: One time.*

*Estimated Number of Respondents: 112,587 per year.*

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

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