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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1125-0017]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection eComments Requested; Revision and Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Certification and Release of Records (Form EOIR-59)

AGENCY: Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) at the Department of Justice (DOJ) will be submitting the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until [**INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER***].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Justine Fuga, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600, Falls Church, VA 22041, telephone: (703) 305- 0265, eoir.pra.comments@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Written comments and recommendations for this 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 information collection or the OMB Control Number 1125-0017. This information collection request ("ICR") may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice information collections currently under review by OMB. Please submit a copy of your comments to Justine Fuga at eoir.pra.comments@usdoj.gov.

II. Overview of This Information Collection

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that ICRs submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of this information collection:

1. Type of Information Collection: Revision and extension of a previously approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Certification and Release of Records.
3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: The agency form number is EOIR-59, and EOIR is the sponsoring component.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:

   Affected Public: Individuals and households.

   Abstract: This information collection is primarily used by EOIR to standardize and streamline requests for records related to cases or proceedings before EOIR pursuant to the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). An individual who is in or has been in proceedings before EOIR and seeks to authorize the disclosure of their information, including information retained in case files or a Record of Proceeding (documents, and if applicable, audio recordings), to an attorney, accredited representative, qualified organization, or other third party may use this form to authorize the disclosure. EOIR is making one substantive change to Part C to include a field to collect the name of the parent or guardian. The printed name of the parent or guardian in Part C will assist EOIR personnel processing the form to verify the parent or guardian's identity, as the name of the parent or guardian is not always legible in the signature field in Part D. EOIR also is making several non-substantive edits to the form instructions to improve clarity and readability, update links to EOIR web pages referenced in the instructions, and update the Privacy Act Statement. EOIR also removed references to "noncitizen" in form fields and headings.
5. Obligation to Respond: Optional and voluntary.
6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: It is estimated that an average of 87,080 respondents will complete the form annually.

7. Estimated Time per Respondent: The estimated time per respondent is 10 minutes per response (0.17 hours per response0.
8. Frequency: Once per year.
9. Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: EOIR estimates an average of 14,804 hours total annual time burden for form respondents.

Activity	Number of Respondents	Frequency	Total Annual Responses	Time Per Response	Total Annual Burden (Hours)
EOIR-59	87,080	1/annually	87,080	10 minutes (0.17 hours)	14,804 hours

10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: The total estimated annual public cost ranges from $0 to $1,264,298.88. The minimum cost burden is $0. There are no capital or start-up costs or filing fees, and printing and postage costs may be avoided by submitting the form electronically. The maximum cost burden is $1,264,298.88. This amount is reached by totaling the maximum printing, postage, and labor costs that may be incurred. Of the total number of responses received annually, 8,537 responses on average are submitted by mail and incur printing and postage costs. Printing costs are estimated at $0.10 per page. Postage costs are estimated at $0.78 per response. If a respondent retains a practitioner to assist with completing the form, labor costs are estimated at $84.84 per hour, or $14.42 per response, which represents the average wage for an attorney as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Cost	Calculation	Total
Printing	$0.10 per page x 2 pages x 8,537 mailed paper submissions annually	$1,707.40
Postage	$0.78 stamp x 8,537 mailed paper submissions annually	$6,658.86
Labor	($84.84 per hour x 0.17 hours) x 87,080 average annual number of responses	$1,255,932.62

Total	***$1,707.40 + $6,658.86 + $1,255,932.62***	***$1,264,298.88***

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218 Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 9, 2026.

Darwin Arceo,

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U.S. Department of Justice.

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