



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-2641]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Eligible Career Pathway Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453-5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Eligible Career Pathway Program

OMB Control Number: 1845-0175

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR

Respondents / Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,000

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 50,000

Abstract: Section 668.157, under the authority of section 484 of the HEA, specifies the documentation requirements for eligible career pathway programs for submission by institutions to the Department for approval as a Title IV eligible program. Enrollment in an eligible career pathways program is one of the three Ability to Benefit (ATB) alternatives that an individual who is not a high school graduate could fulfill to receive Title IV, HEA, Federal student aid.

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