In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide:

(i) An offer of financial assistance pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10904 (due 120 days after the application is filed or 10 days after the application is granted by the Board, whichever occurs sooner);

(ii) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees;

(iii) A request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905; and

(iv) A statement pertaining to the prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and §1152.29.

Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to §1152.25.

Written comments and protests, including all requests for public use and trail use conditions, must indicate the proceeding designation STB Docket No. AB–564 and should be filed with the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, no later than July 10, 2000. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Board to become a party to this abandonment proceeding. A copy of each written comment or protest shall be served upon the representative of the applicant, John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036, telephone: 202–785–3700. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, each document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding, 49 CFR 1104.12(a). The line sought to be abandoned will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail service, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier’s representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is John D. Heffner, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20036.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board or refer to the full abandonment application. The exemption level for reporting will be raised from $2 million to $50 million in either gross purchases or gross sales during a month. The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with Cayman Islands line. The form will be redesigned so it will be available for downloading from the TIC web site. These changes will be effective as of January 31, 2001.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form S (1505–0001.)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,400.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: 5 hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 14,400 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices: Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on two information collections that are due for revision approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BC/BC(SA), Reporting Bank’s Own Claims, and Selected Claims of Broker or Dealer, on Foreigners, Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury Capital Form BL–1/BL–1(SA), Reporting Bank’s Own Liabilities, and Selected Liabilities of Broker or Dealer, to Foreigners, Denominated in Dollars.

OMB Control Numbers: 1505–0017 and 1505–0019.

Abstracts: Forms BC/BC(SA) and BL–1/BL–1(SA) are part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR part 128), and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BC is a monthly report (with a semiannual supplement) that covers own U.S. dollar claims of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers vis-à-vis foreign residents. Form BL–1 is a monthly report (with a semiannual supplement) that covers own U.S. dollar liabilities of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers vis-à-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Current Actions: (a) The exemption level for reporting positions will be raised from $15 million at end-month; institutions will be exempt from reporting if they had both: (1) less than $50 million at end-month to report; and (2) they had less than $25 million at end-month to report; and (2) they had less than $25 million at end-month to report vis-à-vis all counterparties in any one country; (b) There will be a reduction in the reporting of International Banking Facilities (IBFs) so that banking organizations will report on a consolidated basis. An addendum row will be added to the bottom of the forms to report total IBF assets and total IBF liabilities by sector/instrument; (c) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (d) One memorandum column and one memorandum row will be added to the BC/BC(SA) and BL–1/BL–1(SA) forms to collect the dollar amount of positions collateralized through repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements (“repos”). The forms will be redesigned so they will be available for downloading from the TIC web site. These changes will be effective as of January 31, 2001.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form BC/BC(SA) (1505–0017).

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Eight (8) hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 35,840 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Form BL–1/BL–1(SA) (1505–0019).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 415 (semiannual 175).

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Eight (8) hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42,640 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: whether Forms BC/BC(Sa) and BL–1/BL–1(SA) all necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or startup costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment System.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Department Offices: Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for revision approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BL–2/BL–2(SA), Custody Liabilities of Reporting Banks, Brokers and Dealers to Foreigners, Denominated in Dollars.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 14, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed revised form and instructions are available at the Related Links section of Treasury’s TIC Capital Movements website: http://www.ustreas.gov/tic/. Requests for additional information should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, phone (202) 622–1276, FAX (202) 622–7448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: Treasury International Capital Form BL–2/BL–2(SA), Custody Liabilities of Reporting Banks, Brokers and Dealers to Foreigners, Denominated in Dollars.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0018.

Abstract: Form BL–2/BL–2(SA) is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR part 128), and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BL–2 is a monthly report (with a semiannual supplement) that covers the U.S. dollar custody liabilities of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers, vis-a-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies. Current Actions: (a) The exemption level for reporting positions will be raised from $15 million at end-month; institutions will be exempt from reporting if they had both: (1) Less than $50 million at end-month to report; and (2) they had less than $25 million at end-month to report vis-a-vis all counterparties in any one country; (b) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (c) Columns will be added on the BL–2 form for the reporting of short-term U.S. Government agency securities by sector of counterparty. The form will be redesigned so it will be available for downloading from the TIC web site. These changes will be effective as of January 31, 2001.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.


Estimated Number of Respondents: 110 (semiannual 30).

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Five and one/half (5.5) hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,590 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: Whether BL–2/BL–2(SA) is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for revision approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BQ–1. Part 1: Reporting Bank’s Own Claims, and Selected Claims of Broker or Dealer, on Foreigners; and Part 2: Domestic Customers’ Claims on Foreigners Held by Reporting Bank, Broker or Dealer, Payable in Dollars.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 14, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, Treasury International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed revised form and instructions are available at the Related Links section of Treasury’s TIC Capital Movements website: http://www.ustreas.gov/tic/. Requests for additional information should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treasury International Capital Form BQ–1. Part 1: Reporting Bank’s Own Claims, and Selected Claims of Broker or Dealer, on Foreigners; Part 2: Domestic Customers’ Claims on Foreigners Held by Reporting Bank, Broker or Dealer, Payable in Dollars.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0016.
Abstract: Form BQ–1 is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR part 128) and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. This quarterly report covers the U.S. dollar claims of banks, other depository institutions, brokers and dealers, and of their domestic customers vis-a-vis foreign residents. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Current Actions: (a) The exemption level for Part 2 for reporting positions will be raised from $15 million at end-quarter; institutions will be exempt from reporting if they had both: (1) Less than $50 million at end-quarter to report; and (2) they had less than $25 million at end-quarter to report vis-a-vis all counterparties in any one country; (b) there will be a reduction in the reporting of International Banking Facilities (IBFs) so that banking organizations’ Claims on Domestic Customers’ Claims will report on a consolidated basis. An addendum row will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (c) the geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (d) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (e) the geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (f) There will be a reduction in the reporting of International Banking Facilities (IBFs) so that banking organizations will report on a consolidated basis. An addendum row will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (g) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (h) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (i) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (j) Memoranandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (k) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (l) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (m) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (n) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (o) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (p) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (q) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (r) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (s) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (t) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (u) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (v) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (w) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (x) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (y) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (z) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices, Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for revision approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Program Services within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BQ–2, Part 1: Liabilities to, and Claims on, Foreigners Held by Reporting Bank, Broker or Dealer, and Part 2: Domestic Customers’ Claims on Foreigners Held by Reporting Bank, Broker or Dealer, Denominated in Foreign Currencies.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0020

Abstract: Form BQ–2 is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR part 128) and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BQ–2 is a quarterly report that covers the liabilities to and claims on foreigners of banks, brokers and dealers, and the custody claims on foreigners of banks, brokers and dealers, that are denominated in foreign currencies. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Current Actions: (a) The exemption level for reporting positions will be raised from $15 million at end-quarter; institutions will be exempt from reporting if they had both: (1) Less than $50 million at end-quarter to report; and (2) they had less than $25 million at end-quarter to report vis-a-vis all counterparties in any one country; (b) There will be a reduction in the reporting of International Banking Facilities (IBFs) so that banking organizations will report on a consolidated basis. An addendum row will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (c) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (d) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (e) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (f) There will be a reduction in the reporting of International Banking Facilities (IBFs) so that banking organizations will report on a consolidated basis. An addendum row will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (g) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (h) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (i) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (j) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (k) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (l) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (m) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (n) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (o) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (p) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (q) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (r) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (s) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (t) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (u) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (v) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (w) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (x) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument; (y) The geographic detail will increase slightly by adding lines for Luxembourg, the combined Channel Islands & Isle of Man, New Zealand, the Caribbean region, and the European Central Bank. The British West Indies line will be replaced with a Cayman Islands line; (z) Memorandum rows will be added to the bottom of Part 1 of the form to report total IBF assets by sector/instrument.
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Estimated Number of Respondents: 90.

Estimated Average Time per Respondent: Four and one-half (4.5) hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,620 hours, based on four reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: Whether Form BQ–2 is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or record keeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

Dwight Wokow,
Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
[OMB Control No. 2900–0074]
Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The 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. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine eligibility for continued educational assistance for veterans, individuals on active duty, and reservists who change their programs of education or places of training.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 14, 2000.

ADDRESS: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0074” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273–7079 or FAX (202) 275–5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C., 3501–3520), 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: Request for Change of VA Education Program or Place of Training

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 24,060 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.