

Reserve must be pursuing an approved program of training to be eligible for benefits. The eligible student must complete VA Form 22-1995 to identify and request approval for a supplementary educational objective or place of training. VA uses the information to determine continued eligibility for educational benefits, and to monitor the number of times a veteran, person on active duty, or person in the Selected Reserve has changed his or her educational objectives.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80,000.

Dated: April 3, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Martin L. Hill,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0319]

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 for information needed to establish a legal contract between VA and a Federal fiduciary.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: 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 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0319" 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 (Pub. L. 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: Fiduciary Agreement, VA Form 21-4703.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0319.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-4703 is used to maintain supervision of the distribution and use of VA benefits paid to a fiduciary on behalf of a beneficiary who is determine to be incompetent. The form is used as a legal binding contract between VA and Federally appointed fiduciaries. It outlines a fiduciary's responsibilities with respect to the use of funds received on behalf of incompetent beneficiaries.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not for profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,467 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,600.

Dated: April 2, 2003.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Acting Director, Records Management Service.

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