

Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of information collection: Evidence for Application of Overall Minimum: OMB 3220-0083.

Under section 3(f)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the total monthly benefits payable to a railroad employee and his/her family are guaranteed to be no less than the amount which would be payable if the employee's railroad service had been covered by the Social Security Act. The Social Security Overall Minimum Guarantee is prescribed in 20 CFR part 229. To administer this provision, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) requires information about a retired employee's spouse and child(ren) who would not be

eligible for benefits under the RRA but would be eligible for benefits under the Social Security Act if the employee's railroad service had been covered by that Act. The RRB obtains the required information by the use of forms G-319 (Statement Regarding Family and Earnings for Special Guaranty Computation) and G-320 (Statement by Employee Annuitant Regarding Student Age 18-19). One form is completed by each respondent. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-319 or Form G-320.

Estimate of annual respondent burden: The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

| Form #(s) | Annual responses | Time (Min) | Burden (Hrs) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| G-319 <i>Employee Completed:</i> | | | |
| With assistance | 95 | 26 | 41 |
| Without assistance | 5 | 55 | 5 |
| G-319 <i>Spouse Completed:</i> | | | |
| With assistance | 95 | 30 | 48 |
| Without assistance | 5 | 60 | 5 |
| G-320: | | | |
| With assistance | 86 | 10 | 14 |
| Without assistance | 4 | 26 | 2 |
| Total | 290 | | 115 |

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Office at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will public periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

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utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123.

Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two types of benefits whose payment is based upon the status of a child being a full-time student, a survivor benefit under section 2 and an increased retirement benefit under section 3(f)(3).

A survivor benefit is paid directly to the student unless there is a representative payee. The benefit for a student in a life case is paid by increasing the retired parent's annuity rate under the overall minimum guaranty. The requirements for obtaining benefits based on full-time student status are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.54 and 219.55.

The RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance in order to determine that a child is entitled to student benefits. The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its student monitoring program. Form G-315, *Student Questionnaire*, obtains

certification of a student's full-time school attendance. It also obtains information on a student's marital status, Social Security benefits, and employment which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G-315a, *Statement by School Official of Student's Full-time Attendance*, is used to obtain verification from a school that a student attends school full-time and provides their expected graduation date. Form G-315a.1, *Notice of Cessation of Full-Time Attendance*, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance. Completion is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G-315, G-315a, or G-315a.1. The completion time for the G-315 is estimated at seven minutes per response. The completion time for the G-315a and G-315a.1 is estimated at two minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 960 Form G-315's, 210 Form G-315a's and 60 Form G-315a.1's are received annually.

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