

been paid or evidence that the veteran is exempt from the requirement of paying the fee. Lenders are required to submit VA Form 26-8923 with VA Form 26-1820, Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, as applicable, when requesting guaranty on an interest rate reduction refinancing loan. VA loan examiners must assure that the requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, 38 U.S.C. 3710(a)(8) or 3712(a)(1)(F), and applicable VA regulations are met before the issuance of guaranty. The form ensures that

lenders correctly compute the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans.

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Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Total Respondents: 100,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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