

404.1301–1371—0960–0120. Form SSA–2512 collects data used in the claims adjudication process to grant gratuitous military wage credits, when applicable, and solicits sufficient information to make a determination of eligibility. The respondents are individuals who are applying for Social Security benefits on the record of a wage earner with pre-1957 military service.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,000 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410–965–0454, or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits*—20 CFR 404.335–338—0960–0004. SSA uses the information collected on the form SSA–10–BK or during a personal interview to determine if the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits. The respondents are applicants for Widow(er)'s benefits.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 288,580.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 72,145 hours.

2. *Subpart T—State Supplementation Provisions*—20 CFR 416.2095–2099—0960–0240. Section 1618 of the Social Security Act contains pass along provisions of the Social Security Amendments. These provisions require States that supplement the Federal SSI benefits pass along Federal cost-of-living increases to the individuals who are eligible for State Supplementary benefit payments. If the State fails to keep payments at the required level, it becomes ineligible for Medicaid reimbursement under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Social Security rules at 20 CFR 416.2099 require the States to report mandatory minimum and optional supplementary payment data to SSA. The information is used to determine compliance with the law and regulations. The respondents are States that supplement Federal SSI payments.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 16.

*Number of Responses:* 15 states report quarterly, 11 states report annually.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 71 hours.

3. *Request for Replacement SSA–1099/SSA–1042S Social Security Benefits Statement*—20 CFR 401.45—0960–0583. The information requested by SSA via the Internet will be used to verify identity and to provide replacement copies of Form SSA–1099/SSA–1042, which are needed to prepare Federal tax returns. This Internet option to request a replacement SSA–1099/SSA–1042 eliminates the need for a phone call to a teleservice center or a visit to a field office. The respondents are beneficiaries who request a replacement SSA–1099/1042 via the Internet.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 21,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1.5 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 525 hours.

4. *Application of Circuit Court Law;* 20 CFR 404.985 and 416.1485—0960–0581. Social Security rules at 20 CFR 404.985 and 416.1485 inform claimants of their right to request that a published Acquiescence Ruling (AR) be applied to a prior determination when we make a determination or decision on a claim between the date of the Circuit Court decision and the date we publish the AR. The regulations also specify that claimants can request that the AR be applied to a prior determination or decision by submitting a statement that demonstrates how the AR could change the prior determination or decision. SSA will use the information provided in the statement to readjudicate the claim if the claimant demonstrates the Ruling could change the prior determination. Claimants may use Form SSA–795, Statement of Claimant or Other Person (0960–0045) or submit a written request, to request and support application of a published AR to the prior determination or decision. The respondents are claimants whose determinations or decisions on their claims may be affected by an AR.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 17 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 28,333 hours.

5. *Integrated Registration for Employers and Submitters (IRES)*—

0960–0626. The IRES authentication system is a free service designed to allow employers to access SSA's electronic wage reporting services, and to replace the use of a handwritten signature with an electronic signature. Employer representatives use an IRES-generated personal identification number (PIN) and password as their electronic signature. IRES is designed to be more efficient, reducing the costs to both employers and SSA, and will facilitate the filing of wage data electronically. SSA's paramount interest in the development of IRES was to ensure that the new electronic method of identifying wage report submitters provides the name security features as the current paper-based method. Security features include message integrity, originator authentication, non-repudiation and confidentiality. The PIN and password will be issued to an individual designated by the employer after SSA authenticates the company and contact information provided by the individual. SSA uses the IRES in conjunction with SSA's wage reporting processes. It is used as the gateway for electronic wage reporting and the online employee verification service. IRES will also be used when SSA implements additional electronic services such as electronic notices and error information, and to authenticate representatives of organizational representative payees in a limited Proof of Concept study. Also, the PIN will be used in the Annual Wage Reporting diskette process to replace IRS paper form 6559. SSA has received approval from IRS to use an alternative signature. Respondents to IRES will be Employers and Submitters who utilize SSA's electronic wage reporting and online employee verification services.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved Information Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 250,120.

*Number of Responses:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 8,337 hours.

6. *Request for Internet Services—Password*—0960–0632. SSA uses a PIN/password process for verifying the identity of individuals who choose to use the Internet and Automated Telephone Response in order to conduct business with the agency. An individual will be requested to provide certain information about himself or herself that SSA can verify in its records in order to obtain a password for use with its electronic services. The information that SSA collects varies depending on individual circumstances. Some examples of the information collected