



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121-0024]

Agency Information Collection Activities;

Proposed eCollection eComments Requested;

Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection:

Claim for Death Benefits

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Chris Casto by mail at Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20531; or by email at Chris.Casto@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1 *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection

2 *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Claim for Death Benefits

3 *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Bureau of Justice Assistance. Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice

4 *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Eligible survivors of fallen public safety officers.

Abstract: BJA's Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Office will use the PSOB Claim Form information to confirm the eligibility of applicants to receive Public Safety Officers' Death Benefits. Eligibility is dependent on several factors, including public safety officer status, an injury sustained in the line of duty, and the claimant status in the beneficiary hierarchy according to the PSOB Act. In addition, information to help the PSOB Office identify an individual is collected, such as Social Security numbers, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Changes to the claim form have been made in an effort to streamline the application process and eliminate requests for information that are either irrelevant or already being collected by other means.

5 *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:*

It is estimated that not more than 350 respondents will apply a year. Each application takes approximately 120 minutes.

6 *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:*

The Total Annual Reporting Burden: 350×120 minutes per application = 42,000 minutes/by 60 minutes per hour = 700 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer,
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Dated: January 5, 2016.

Jerri Murray,

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U.S. Department of Justice.

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