



## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

*Summary.* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

*1. Title and purpose of information collection:* Application and Claim for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service; OMB 3220-0022.

Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), provides unemployment benefits for qualified railroad employees. These benefits are generally payable for each day of unemployment in excess of four during a registration period (normally a period of 14 days).

Section 12 of the RUIA provides that the RRB establish, maintain and operate free employment facilities directed toward the reemployment of railroad employees. The procedures for applying

for the unemployment benefits and employment service and for registering and claiming the benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325. 20 CFR 321 provides for applying and filing claims for unemployment benefits electronically.

The RRB utilizes the following forms to collect the information necessary to pay unemployment benefits. Form UI-1 (or its Internet equivalent, Form UI-1 (Internet)), *Application for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service*, is completed by a claimant for unemployment benefits once in a benefit year, at the time of first registration. Completion of Form UI-1 or UI-1 (Internet) also registers an unemployment claimant for the RRB's employment service.

The RRB also utilizes Form UI-3 (or its Internet equivalent Form UI-3 (Internet)), *Claim for Unemployment Benefits*, for use in claiming unemployment benefits for days of unemployment in a particular registration period, normally a period of 14 days.

Completion of Forms UI-1, UI-1(Internet), UI-3, and UI-3 (Internet) is required to obtain or retain benefits. The number of responses required of each claimant varies, depending on their period of unemployment.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (82 FR 5614 on January 18, 2017) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Application and Claim for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service

OMB Control Number: 3220-0022

Forms submitted: UI-1, UI-1 (Internet), UI-3, UI-3 (Internet)

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment benefits are provided for qualified railroad employees. The collection obtains the information needed to determine the eligibility to and amount of such benefits for railroad employees.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
UI-1	8,003	10	1,334
UI-1 (Internet)	5,542	10	924
UI-3	37,584	6	3,758
UI-3 (Internet)	45,011	6	4,501
<b>Total</b>	96,140		10,517

2. *Title and Purpose of information collection:* Public Service Pension Questionnaires; OMB 3220-0136.

Public Law 95-216 amended the Social Security Act of 1977 by providing, in part, that spouse or survivor benefits may be reduced when the beneficiary is in receipt of a pension based on employment with a Federal, State, or local governmental unit. Initially, the reduction was equal to the full amount of the government pension. Public Law 98-21 changed the reduction to two-thirds of the amount of the government pension.

Public Law 108-203 amended the Social Security Act by changing the requirement for exemption to a public service offset, so that Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes are deducted from the public service wages for the last 60 months of public service employment, rather than just the last day of public service employment.

Sections 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides that a spouse or survivor annuity should be equal in amount to what the annuitant would receive if entitled to a like benefit from the Social Security Administration. Therefore, the public service pension (PSP) provisions apply to RRA annuities. RRB regulations pertaining to the collection of evidence relating to public service pensions or worker's compensation paid to spouse or survivor applicants or annuitants are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.64c.

The RRB utilizes Form G-208, Public Service Pension Questionnaire, and Form G-212, Public Service Monitoring Questionnaire, to obtain information used to determine whether an annuity reduction is in order.

Completion of the forms is voluntary. However, failure to complete the forms could result in the nonpayment of benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (82 FR 5614 on January 18, 2017) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Public Service Pension Questionnaires

OMB Control Number: 3220-0136

Forms submitted: G-208 and G-212

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: A spouse or survivor annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act may be subjected to a reduction for a public service pension. The questionnaires obtain information needed to determine if the reduction applies and the amount of such reduction.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
G-208	70	16	19.0
G-212	1,100	15	275.0
Total	1,170		294.0

3. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Report of Medicaid State Office on Beneficiary's Buy-In Status; OMB 3220-0185.

Under Section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. Under Section 1843 of the Social Security Act, states may enter into "buy-in agreements" with the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the purpose of enrolling certain groups of low-income individuals under the Medicare medical insurance (Part B) program and paying the premiums for their insurance coverage. Generally, these individuals are categorically needy under Medicaid and meet the eligibility requirements for Medicare Part B. States can also include in their buy-in agreements, individuals who are eligible for medical assistance only. The RRB utilizes Form RL-380-F, *Report of Medicaid State Office on Beneficiary's Buy-In Status*, to obtain information needed to

determine if certain railroad beneficiaries are entitled to receive Supplementary Medical Insurance program coverage under a state buy-in agreement in the states in which they reside.

Completion of Form RL-380-F is voluntary. One response is received from each respondent.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (82 FR 5614 on January 18, 2017) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Report of Medicaid State Office on Beneficiary's Buy-In Status

OMB Control Number: 3220-0185

Forms submitted: RL-380-F

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

Affected public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act, the Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The collection obtains the information needed to determine if certain railroad beneficiaries are entitled to receive Supplemental Medical Insurance program coverage under a state buy-in agreement in states in which they reside.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form RL-380-F.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form Number	Annual Responses	Time (Minutes)	Burden (Hours)
RL-380-F	600	10	100

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751-4981 or Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-1275 or Brian.Foster@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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