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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Admission to Practice

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Title: Admission to Practice.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0012.

Form Numbers:

- PTO-158
- PTO-158A
- PTO-158R
- PTO-158T
- PTO-107A
- PTO-107R
- PTO-107S
Type of Request: Revision of a currently existing collection.

Number of Respondents: 19,864 responses per year.

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Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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- E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0012 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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