



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0014]

Agency Information Collection Activities;

Proposed eCollection, eComments Requested;

Revision of a currently approved collection;

Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal;

DEA Forms 224, 224A.

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 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 comments 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 Kathy L. Federico, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement

Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152;

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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 proposed 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:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* DEA Forms: 224, 224A. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.

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

Affected public (Primary): Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): Not-for-profit institutions; Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

Abstract: The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. 801–971) requires all persons that manufacture, distribute, dispense, conduct research with, import, or export any controlled substance to obtain a registration issued by the Attorney General. The DEA will be revising the proposed information collection instruments concerning the liability questions on the Application for Registration and Application for Registration Renewal. Over the years, many applicants have answered some of the liability questions incorrectly. These changes will avoid confusion to the applicant by separating compound questions into multiple parts that will require the applicant to answer them individually.

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

	Number of Annual Respondents*	Average Time per Response**	Total Annual Hours**
DEA-224 (paper)	3,838	0.22 hours (13 minutes)	832
DEA-224 (electronic)	125,848	0.15 hours (9 minutes)	18,877
DEA-224A (paper)	6,193	0.22 hours (13 minutes)	1,342
DEA-224A (electronic)	482,100	0.08 hours (5 minutes)	40,175
Total	617,979		61,226

*Although practitioners are registered for a three-year cycle and the number of registrants is not equally distributed between years of the cycle, October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 is a reasonable approximation of the average annual burden as it is very close to the average of the three years. Additionally, the growth rate in the number of practitioners is low enough where the actual numbers for this period would not be materially different from the number expected for the next several years.

** An extra minute has been added to each average time per response to reflect the proposal for the first liability question in the application to now be broken down into two parts.

*** Figures are rounded.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the proposed*

collection: The DEA estimates that this collection takes 61,226 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required please contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

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