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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No SSA-2019-0007]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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Or you may submit your comments online through *www.regulations.gov*, referencing Docket ID Number [SSA-2019-0007].

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. **Supplemental Statement Regarding Farming Activities of Person Living Outside the U.S.A. -- 0960-0103.** When a beneficiary or claimant reports farm work from outside the United States, SSA documents this work on Form SSA-7163A-F4. Specifically, SSA uses the form to determine if we should apply foreign work deductions to the recipient's Title II benefits. We collect the information either annually or every other

year, depending on the respondent's country of residence. Respondents are Social Security recipients engaged in farming activities outside the United States.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	**Number of Respondents**	**Frequency of Response**	**Average Burden Per Response (minutes)**	**Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)**
SSA-7163A-F4	1,000	1	60	1,000

2. **Information About Joint Checking/Savings Account -- 20 CFR 416.1201 and 416.1208 -- 0960-0461.** SSA considers a person's resources when evaluating eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Generally, we consider funds in checking and savings accounts as resources owned by the individuals whose names appear on the account. However, individuals applying for SSI may rebut this assumption of ownership in a joint account by submitting certain evidence to establish the funds do not belong to them. SSA uses Form SSA-2574 to collect information from SSI applicants and recipients who object to the assumption that they own all or part of the funds in a joint checking or savings account bearing their names. SSA collects information about the account from both the SSI applicant or recipient and the other account holder(s). After receiving the completed form, SSA determines if we should consider the account to be a resource for the SSI applicant and recipient. The respondents are applicants and recipients of SSI, and

individuals who list themselves as joint owners of financial accounts with SSI applicants or recipients.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-2574 Paper version	50,000	1	7	5,833
Intranet version (SSI claims system)	150,000	1	7	17,500
Totals	**200,000**			**23,333**

3. **Employer Verification of Earnings After Death -- 20 CFR 404.821 and 404.822 -- 0960-0472**. When SSA records show a wage earner is deceased, and we receive wage reports from an employer for the wage earner for a year subsequent to the year of death, SSA mails the employer Form SSA-L4112 (Employer Verification of Earnings After Death). SSA uses the information Form SSA-L4112 provides to verify wage information previously received from the employer is correct for the employee and the year in question. The respondents are employers who report wages for employees who died.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-L4112	54,998	1	10	9,166

4. Certificate of Election for Reduced Widow(er)s and Surviving Divorced Spouse's Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.335 -- 0960-0759. Section 202(q) of the Act provides SSA the authority to reduce benefits under certain conditions when elected by a Title II beneficiary. However, reduced benefits are not payable to an already entitled spouse (or divorced spouse) who:

- Is at least age 62 and under full retirement age in the month of the number holder's death; and
- Is receiving both reduced spouse's (or divorced spouse's) benefits and either retirement or disability benefits in the month before the month of the number holder's death.

To elect reduced widow(er) benefits, a recipient completes Form SSA-4111. SSA uses the information collected to pay a qualified dually entitled widow(er) (or surviving divorced spouse) who elects to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit. The respondents are qualified dually entitled widow(er)s (or surviving divorced spouse) who elect to receive a reduced widow(er) benefit.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-4111	30,000	1	2	1,000

II. SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding these information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

1. **Application for Widow's or Widower's Insurance Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.335 -404.338, & 404.603 -- 0960-0004.** Section 2029(e) and 202(f) of the Act set forth the requirements for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits, including the requirements to file an application. For SSA to make a formal determination for entitlement to widow(er)'s benefits, we use Form SSA-10-BK to determine whether an applicant meets the statutory and regulatory conditions for entitlement to widow(er)'s Title II benefits. SSA employees interview individuals applying for benefits either face-to-face or via telephone, and enter the information on the paper form or into the Modernized Claims System (MCS). The respondents are applicants for widow(er)'s benefits.

   Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-10-BK MCS version	518,784	1	14	121,050
SSA-10-BK	2,255	1	15	564

Paper version				
Totals	**521,039**			**121,614**

2. **Notice Regarding Substitution of Party Upon Death of Claimant – Reconsideration of Disability Cessation -- 20 CFR Sections 404.907-404.921 and 416.1407-416.1421 -- 0960-0351.** When a claimant dies before we make a determination on that person's request for reconsideration of a disability cessation, SSA seeks a qualified substitute party to pursue the appeal. If SSA locates a qualified substitute party, the agency uses Form SSA-770 to collect information about whether to pursue or withdraw the reconsideration request. We use this information as the basis for the decision to continue or discontinue with the appeals process. Respondents are substitute applicants who are pursuing a reconsideration request for a deceased claimant.

   Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-770	1,200	1	5	100

3. **Appointment of Representative -- 20 CFR 404.1707, 404.1720, 408.1101, 416.1507, and 416.1520 -- 0960-0527**. Individuals claiming rights or benefits under the Social Security Act (Act) must notify SSA in writing when they appoint an individual to represent them in dealing with SSA. In addition, SSA requires representatives to sign the notice of

appointment, or submit the equivalent in writing, if the representative is not an attorney. Recipients use Form SSA-1696-U4 to appoint a representative to handle their claim before SSA, and their appointed representative uses the SSA-1696-U4 to indicate whether they will charge a fee, and to show their eligibility for direct fee payment. In addition, representatives also use the SSA-1696-U4 to inform SSA of their disbarment; suspension from a court or bar in which they previously admitted to practice; or their disqualification from participating in or appearing before a Federal program or agency. Finally, SSA requires non-attorney appointed representatives to sign the SSA-1696-U4, or an equivalent written statement. SSA uses the information on the SSA-1696-U4 to document the appointment of the representative. In addition, respondents use the SSA-1696-SUP2 to revoke their appointment of a representative, and representatives use the SSA-1696-SUP2 to withdraw their acceptance of the appointment. SSA uses this information to document the revocation and withdrawal of a representative. Respondents are applicants for, or recipients of, Social Security disability benefits (SSDI); SSI payments; or anyone pursuing a benefit or invoking a right under SSA programs, who are notifying SSA they have appointed a person to represent them in their dealings with SSA, and their non-attorney representatives who need to sign the form.

NOTE: We inadvertently published incorrect burden data both in our publication on 7/10/18 at 83 FR 31987, and again on 10/3/18 at 83 FR 49965. We are correcting for that oversight here.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	**Number of Respondents**	**Frequency of Response**	**Average Burden Per Response (minutes)**	**Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)**
SSA-1696-U4	800,000	1	12	160,000
SSA-1696-SUP1	21,000	1	5	1,750
SSA-1696-SUP2	233,000	1	5	19,417
Totals	**1,054,000**			**181,167**

4. **Centenarian and Medicare Non-Utilization Project Development Worksheets: Face-to-Face Interview and Telephone Interview -- 20 CFR 416.204(b) and 422.135 -- 0960-0780.** SSA conducts interviews with centenary Title II beneficiaries and Title XVI recipients, and Medicare Non-Utilization Project (MNUP) beneficiaries age 90 and older to: (1) assess if the beneficiaries are still living; (2) prevent fraud through identity misrepresentation; and (3) evaluate the well-being of the recipients to determine if they need a representative payee, or a change in representative payee. SSA field office personnel obtain the information through one-time, in-person interviews with the centenarians and MNUP beneficiaries. If the centenarians and MNUP beneficiaries have representatives or caregivers, SSA personnel invite them to the interviews. During these interviews, SSA employees make overall observations of the centenarians, MNUP beneficiaries, and their representative payees (if

applicable). The interviewer uses the appropriate Development Worksheet as a guide for the interview, in addition to documenting findings during the interview. Non-completion of the Worksheets, or refusal of the interviews, may result in the suspension of the centenarians' or MNUP beneficiaries' payments. SSA conducts the interviews either over the telephone or through a face-to-face discussion with the respondents. Respondents are Centenarian and MNUP beneficiaries; their representative payees; or their caregivers.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of Completion	**Number of Respondents**	**Frequency of Response**	**Average Burden Per Response (minutes)**	**Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)**
Centenarian Project – Title XVI Only*	194	1	15	49
MNUP – All Title II Responses	4,413	1	15	1,103
Totals	**4,607**			**1,152**

*Some cases are Title II and Title XVI rollovers from prior Centenarian workloads.

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