DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0021]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Application and Employment Certification for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT THE 30TH DAY AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity
of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this
collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written
comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection*: Application and Employment Certification for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

*OMB Control Number*: 1845-0110

*Type of Review*: A revision of an existing information collection

*Respondents / Affected Public*: Individuals or Households

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses*: 801,261

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours*: 400,631

*Abstract*: The Department is consolidating the forms that borrowers must complete if they want to
ultimately receive the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) & Temporary Expanded PLSF (TESPLF).
There will now be a single form for these programs. The form is being renamed the Public Service Loan
Forgiveness (PSLF) & Temporary Expanded PLSF (TESPLF) Certification and Application. This revised
form includes the Employment Certification Form which is already part of this collection. This
consolidation of forms will remove the need for borrowers to separately complete the PSLF application and
submit a separate email for the TEPRLF program. This combining will also aid the Department in
streamlining the forgiveness determination process.


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