DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0077]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Certification and Agreement for the ESSER Fund Application

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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 Christopher Tate, 202-453-6047.

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: Certification and Agreement for the ESSER Fund Application*

*OMB Control Number: 1810-0743*

*Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved collection*

*Respondents / Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,952*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 76,653*

*Abstract: Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund), the
Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local
educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to
address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on
elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide equitable services to students and
teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
(CARES Act).*

*Dated: September 22, 2020*

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