

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

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From: Terrence Smith, Acting Director
Health Eligibility Center (HEC)

Subject: Request for OMB Review and Emergency PRA Clearance of PACT Act
Changes to VA Forms 10-10EZ and 10-10EZR (OMB Control No. 2900-0091)

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Section 103 of Public Law 117-168, titled Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022, amended Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 1710(e) (3), by expanding the period of eligibility for health care for Veterans who participated in a toxic exposure risk activity while serving on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training. VA Forms 10-10EZ and 10-10EZR require updates to capture the expanded eligibility for the three cohorts of Veterans listed in Section 103. The established rollout for this expanded eligibility benefit is March 5th, 2024.

See the following updates and new information for OMB Control No. 2900-0091:

- a. **Updates:** The program office has made the following updates to VA Forms 10-10EZ and 10-10EZR, as described below:
 - i. Updated estimated burden avg. on both forms:
 - 1. 10-10EZ: changed from 30 min to 35 min.
 - 2. 10-10EZR: changed from 24 min to 27 min.
 - ii. Updated Military Service Information Section on the 10-10EZ:
 - 1. Ques 2, removed sub-questions G – J.
 - iii. Updated the website for questions in the instructions on the 10-10EZR.
 - iv. Renumbered the Sections in the instructions on the 10-10EZR based on the new section added.
 - v. Updated the return address on both forms:
 - 1. 10-10EZ: updated under Submitting Your Application.
 - 2. 10-10EZR: updated under the Where do I mail my update?

- vi. Updated the instructions for Section II Military Service Information on the 10-10EZ.
 - vii. Updated the verbiage in the Dependent Information for expenses paid by a dependent child on both forms:
 - 1. 10-10EZ: Section IV – Dependent Information, Ques 2g.
 - 2. 10-10EZR: Section IV – Dependent Information, Ques 14.
- b. **Supplementary Documents:** The currently approved and updated versions of VA Forms 10-10EZ and 10-10EZR are included with this request.
- c. **New Information:**
- i. Military Service Information section:
 - 1. 10-10EZ: added Ques 3 a – e.
 - 2. 10-10EZR: added Section III Military Service Information.
 - ii. Added the instructions for Section III Military Service Information on the 10-10EZR.
 - iii. Added definitions for TERA and Reportable Income to both forms:
 - 1. 10-10EZ: added under Definitions of terms used on this form.
 - 2. 10-10EZR: added under Definitions of terms used on this form.
 - iv. Added a bullet for TERA in Section VI – Financial Disclosure in the instructions on the 10-10EZ.

The 10-10EZ and 10-10EZR forms have a current PRA clearance under 2900-0091 until June 30, 2024. The Section 103 mandated revisions described above will increase the burden to complete each form by a few minutes, as noted. An emergency Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) review and clearance approval of the updated forms is respectfully requested to meet the statutory benefit implementation date of March 5, 2024.

Questions may be addressed to Terrence Smith via phone at (404) 828-5686 or via email at terrence.smith7@va.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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