

**VA Form 28-1902w- Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment  
Entitlement Determination  
(Chapter 31, Title 38 U.S. Code)**

Comment on Agency Information Collection Activities, Proposals, Submissions, and  
Approvals  
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Commenters: Organization: Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS  
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Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) received comments from Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination.

**Comment 1:**

VA Form 28-1902w, Section 19, page 3, lists the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force, but omits the USPHS and NOAA. This is a blatant oversight. USPHS and NOAA veterans are equally entitled to these services, and to omit their branches sends a message that they are not eligible to apply. Please add these two services (there is room is the top line to easily do so). Thank you.

**VBA Response:**

Thank you for your comment. VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination, is to be completed by a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the Veteran Readiness and Employment, Chapter 31 program during the initial evaluation. VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination is not an application for Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment benefits.

In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 3102 and 3103, Veterans who have a service-connected disability at 10 percent or more may apply for Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment using the VA Form 28-1900, Application for Veteran Readiness and Employment Benefits for Claimants with Service-Connected Disabilities.

On the revised VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination, Sections 18 and 19 on page 4 are blank and the branch(s) of service is a fillable field to allow the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to complete the branch of service in which the Veteran served.

# PUBLIC SUBMISSION

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## General Comment

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0092]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Information for Veteran  
Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans  
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans  
Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the  
proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to  
publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed  
collection of information, including each proposed revision of a  
currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in  
response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must  
obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each  
collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for  
comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA  
invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information  
is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including  
whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy  
of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of  
information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of  
the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of  
the collection of information on respondents, including through the use  
of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of  
information technology.

Title: VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and  
Employment Entitlement Determination.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0092. [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch)  
(Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the  
historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination is used by the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) with the Veteran during the comprehensive initial evaluation after the VA receives an application for Veteran or Service member Readiness and Employment benefits and has determined the Veteran is eligible to apply for Chapter 31 under Title 38 U.S.C. 3104(a) and 38 CFR 21.50. Use of the VA Form 28-1902w will allow the VA counselor to use the form to collect the information during the initial evaluation. The information is unique to each Veteran and must be collected to assist with making an entitlement determination during the initial evaluation or the counselor would not have enough information to properly evaluate the Veteran's circumstances. The information is collected only once. Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48,097 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64,129.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

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