Collections of Information used for Statistical Compilations of Public Interest

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Please note: This information is subject to change. Please visit the Information Collections Website for the most up-to-date information.
General Information

• Based on current Administration priorities, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested that certain collections of information from DoD’s military and/or civilian personnel be submitted to OMB for approval pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

• OMB may exercise such approval authority for such surveys or collections based upon the definition of “collection of information” in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3)(A)(ii) and 5 C.F.R. 1320(c)(3). The relevant portion of the regulation’s definition states: “‘Collection of information’ includes questions posed to agencies, instrumentalities, or employees of the United States, if the results are to be used for general statistical purposes, that is, if the results are to be used for statistical compilations of general public interest, including compilations showing the status or implementation of Federal activities and programs.” 5 C.F.R. 1320(c)(3) (emphasis added).

• This definition may apply to surveys, censuses, structured interviews, evaluations, and questionnaires.
The proposed collection is most likely a statistical compilation of public interest & most likely requires OMB review.

Further review/discussion is required to determine if the proposed collection is a statistical compilation of public interest.

The proposed collection most likely is NOT a statistical compilation of public interest & most likely does NOT require OMB review.

Will the responses to the questions result in statistical compilations?

**If you are unsure if your survey covers a topic of “high visibility” please contact the IC Org Box at: whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil**
Review & Determination

• Collections of information involving “statistical compilations of general public interest” must be submitted to WHS’s Office of Information Management (OIM) for review and determination.

• The DoD PRA Clearance Officer in OIM will coordinate with the assigned OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs desk officer, as appropriate, to make a final determination.

• Once a collection has been determined to have PRA requirements, OIM will provide guidance on the way forward with estimated timelines of the approval process.