

- Are a national of El Salvador (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador);
- Applied for and received an EAD under the designation of El Salvador for TPS; and
- Have not had TPS withdrawn or denied.

This automatic extension is limited to EADs issued on Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, bearing an expiration date of March 9, 2009. These EADs must also bear the notation "A-12" or "C-19" on the face of the card under "Category."

#### **If employment authorization is valid until September 9, 2009, why should I file for re-registration now?**

DHS has granted a one time automatic extension of EADs through September 9, 2009. This allows USCIS additional time to process EAD applications for re-registrants and ensure that a gap in status does not occur. Applications for re-registration that are received by USCIS on or before December 30, 2008 may be processed prior to the EAD expiration date of March 9, 2009. However, in order to maintain TPS benefits through September 9, 2010, all TPS beneficiaries must comply with the re-registration requirements, and submit any associated application fees or applications for waivers of the fees, described in Federal Notice 73 FR 57128 (October 1, 2008), to USCIS. Those applications that are received after December 30, 2008 may take considerably longer to process. Although this Notice extends the EAD through September 9, 2009, applicants for re-registration should file their applications early to allow ample time for processing so that a gap in TPS benefits does not occur. There will not be a second automatic extension for EAD.

#### **How may employers determine whether an EAD has been automatically extended for six months, through September 9, 2009, and is therefore acceptable for completion of the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification?**

An EAD that has been automatically extended for six months by this Notice through September 9, 2009, will bear the notation "A-12" or "C-19" on the face of the Form I-766 under "Category," and have an expiration date of March 9, 2009, on the face of the card. New EADs or extension stickers showing the September 9, 2009, expiration date of the six-month automatic extension will not be issued. Employers should not request proof of Salvadoran citizenship.

Employers should accept an EAD as a valid "List A" document and not ask for additional Form I-9 documentation if presented with an EAD that has been extended pursuant to this **Federal Register** Notice, and the EAD reasonably appears on its face to be genuine and to relate to the employee. This extension does not affect the right of an applicant for employment or an employee to present any legally acceptable document as proof of identity and eligibility for employment.

**Note to Employers:** Employers are reminded that the laws requiring employment eligibility verification and prohibiting unfair immigration-related employment practices remain in full force. This Notice does not supersede or in any way limit applicable employment verification rules and policy guidance, including those setting forth re-verification requirements. For questions, employers may call the USCIS Customer Assistance Office at 1-800-357-2099. Employers may also call the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) Employer Hotline at 1-800-255-8155. Employees or applicants may call the OSC Employee Hotline at 1-800-255-7688 for information regarding the automatic extension. Additional information is available on the OSC Web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/index.html>.

#### **How may employers determine an employee's eligibility for employment once the automatic six-month extension expires on September 9, 2009?**

Eligible TPS aliens will possess an EAD on Form I-766 with an expiration date of September 9, 2010. The EAD will bear the notation "A-12" or "C-19" on the face of the card under "Category," and should be accepted for the purposes of verifying identity and employment authorization.

#### **What documents may a qualified individual show to his or her employer as proof of employment authorization and identity when completing Form I-9?**

Qualified individuals who have received a six-month automatic extension of their EADs by virtue of this **Federal Register** Notice may present their TPS-based EAD to their employers, as described above, as proof of identity and employment authorization through September 9, 2009. To minimize confusion over this extension at the time of hire or re-verification, qualified individuals may also present a copy of this **Federal Register** Notice regarding the automatic extension of employment authorization documentation through September 9, 2009. After September 9, 2009, a qualified individual may present

a new EAD valid through September 9, 2010.

In the alternative, any legally acceptable document or combination of documents as listed on the Form I-9 may be presented as proof of identity and employment eligibility.

Dated: December 9, 2008.

**Michael L. Aytes,**

*Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-69]

### **Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request; Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition Study**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* December 29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Deitzer, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, QDAM Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Lillian\\_Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian_Deitzer@hud.gov), telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of documentation submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to

OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection requirement as described below. This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*This notice also lists the following information:*

*Title of Proposal:* Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition Study.

*Description of Information Collection:* This document provides notice that this emergency request is necessary at this time because it is an essential part of an important study of the incremental rent transition (IRT) aspect of DHAP. This study will compare families transitioning from stepped-up rents (i.e., Phase I families) and \$0 rent (i.e., Phase II/Phase III families) to market rate or assisted housing and measure their outcomes over time. This Information Collection would enable the Department to answer the question of how do you transition people most effectively from rental assistance to market rate housing after a disaster. Additionally, since DHAP differs from the regular Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, this study will enable HUD to see if DHAP vouchers and their differential rents are having a different effect on housing, employment, education, health, and other outcomes after DHAP ends February 28, 2009.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528–Pending.  
*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response:* The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 3,000; the number of respondents is 3000; the frequency of response is once.

*Status:* This is a request for a new collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 9, 2008.

**Lillian Deitzer,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR–5187–N–70]

**Inspector Candidate Assessment Questionnaire**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

Individuals interested in conducting Uniform Physical Condition Standards inspections on behalf of PIH-REAC are requested to complete this form. The form is a questionnaire that provides PIH-REAC with basic background information about the individual's inspection skills and abilities.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* January 14, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577–0243) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New

Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at

*Lillian L. Deitzer@HUD.gov* or

telephone (202) 402–8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*This notice also lists the following information:*

*Title of Proposal:* Inspector Candidate Assessment Questionnaire.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577–0243.

*Form Numbers:* HUD–50002.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:*

Individuals interested in conducting Uniform Physical Condition Standards inspections on behalf of PIH-REAC are requested to complete this form. The form is a questionnaire that provides PIH-REAC with basic background information about the individual's inspection skills and abilities.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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