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[CFPB Debt Collection Practices \(Regulation F\), 84 Federal Register 12672, 3/3/2020](#)

PROPOSED RULEMAKING (Supplemental Notice): The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) proposes to amend Regulation F, which implements the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and currently contains the procedures for State application for exemption from the provisions of the FDCPA. On May 21, 2019, the Bureau published in the Federal Register a proposed rule (May 2019 Proposed Rule) that would prescribe Federal rules governing the activities of debt collectors, as that term is defined in the FDCPA. This proposal supplements the May 2019 Proposed Rule by proposing to require debt collectors to make certain disclosures when collecting time-barred debts.

COMMENTS DUE: May 4, 2020

[Copyright Office Registration Modernization, 84 Federal Register 12704, 3/3/2020](#)

STATEMENT OF POLICY & NOTIFICATION OF INQUIRY: In conjunction with the development of new technological infrastructure for the copyright registration system, on October 17, 2018, the U.S. Copyright Office solicited public input regarding potential regulatory and practice updates to improve the system's efficiency for both users and the Office. The Office sought and received public comment on three main areas of proposed reform: The administration and substance of the application for registration, the utility of the public record, and the deposit requirements for registration. After reviewing the comments, the Office is announcing intended practice updates, to be adopted in conjunction with the deployment of the new technological system that the Library of Congress is building for the Office. The Office also seeks further comment on two proposals to permit post-registration edits to rights and permissions information, and to permit voluntary submission of additional deposit information to be included in the public record.

COMMENTS DUE: April 2, 2020

[Determination of Rates and Terms for Digital Performance of Sound Recordings and Making of Ephemeral Copies To Facilitate Those Performances \(Web V\), 84 Federal Register 12745, March 4, 2020](#)

FINAL RULE: The Copyright Royalty Judges publish a final rule governing the rates and terms for the digital performance of sound recordings by noncommercial educational webcasters and for the making of ephemeral recordings necessary for the facilitation of such transmissions for the period commencing January 1, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Borrower Defense to Loan Repayment Universal Form, 84 Federal Register 12777, March 4, 2020](#)

NOTICE: The Department of Education (the Department) amends the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program regulations issued under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to implement changes made to the regulations in § 685.206(e)—Borrower responsibilities and defenses. These final regulations are a result of negotiated rulemaking and will add a new requirement to the current regulations. These final regulations require the collection of this information from borrowers who believe they qualify for a

	<p>borrower defense to repayment discharge, as permitted under Section 455(h) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The regulations provide, among other things, for the Secretary to discharge a borrower's Direct Loan based on the loan in question being disbursed after July 1, 2020. The Department is attaching a list of elements that we are proposing be included on a revised Application for Borrower Defense to Loan Repayment form (Universal Borrower Defense Application). This revised form will be based on the current Universal Borrower Defense Application, OMB control number 1845-0146, and will facilitate processing claims from all borrowers who believe that they have a valid borrower defense claim.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 4, 2020</p>
<p>Online Portals for Guidance Documents:</p> <p>DOC Guidance Documents</p> <p>Energy Dept Guidance Documents</p> <p>Inst. of Museum and Library Services Guidance Documents</p> <p>DOL Guidance Documents</p> <p>NEH Guidance Documents</p> <p>DOJ Guidance Documents</p> <p>NASA Guidance Documents</p> <p>HHS Guidance Portal</p> <p>DOT Guidance Documents</p> <p>SSA Guidance Document Portal</p> <p>DOD Guidance Document Website</p> <p>ED Guidance Portal</p>	<p>NOTICE: In accordance with Executive Order 13891, "Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents" (84 FR 55235), these Departments announce the launch of a dedicated web page for the Departments' guidance documents.</p>
<p>IRS Regulations Relating to Withholding and Reporting Tax on Certain U.S. Source Income Paid to Foreign Persons; Correcting Amendment, 84 Federal Register 13045, March 6, 2020</p>	<p>CORRECTING AMENDMENT: This document contains corrections to final regulations (TD 9890) that were published in the Federal Register on Thursday, January 2, 2020. The final regulations provide guidance on certain due diligence and reporting rules applicable to persons making certain U.S. source payments to foreign person and guidance on certain aspects of reporting by foreign financial institutions on U.S. accounts.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 2019</p>
<p>Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request Relating To Improving Customer Experience (OMB</p>	<p>NOTICE: In March 2018, the Administration of President Trump launched the President's Management Agenda (PMA) and established new Cross-Agency Priority (CAP) Goals. These Presidential actions and requirements establish an ongoing</p>

<p>Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation), 84 Federal Register 14523, March 12, 2020</p>	<p>process of collecting customer insights and using them to improve services. This new request will enable the Internal Revenue Service to act in accordance with OMB Circular A-11 Section 280 to ultimately transform the experience of its customers to improve both efficiency and mission delivery and increase accountability by communicating about these efforts with the public.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 11, 2020</p>
<p>Information Collection; Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation) – New Collection, 84 Federal Register 15556, March 18, 2020</p>	<p>NOTICE: As part of the Administration's commitment to improving customer service delivery, the following proposed Information Collection Request “Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation)” is pending at the Social Security Administration. The Social Security Administration will submit it to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.) within 60 days from the date of this notice.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 18, 2020</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as Amended, 84 Federal Register 15502, March 18, 2020</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), 29 U.S.C. 2601, requires private sector employers who employ 50 or more employees, all public and private elementary schools, and all public agencies to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave during any 12-month period to eligible employees for certain family and medical reasons. DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: April 17, 2020</p>
<p>Copyright Registration Modernization, 84 Federal Register 16021, March 20, 2020</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: Following an extensive public inquiry,[1] on March 3, 2020, the U.S. Copyright Office issued a statement of policy and notification of inquiry announcing several intended practice updates to be adopted with the deployment of a new Enterprise Copyright System (ECS) and soliciting further comment on additional proposed reforms under consideration. 85 FR 12704 (Mar. 3, 2020).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 1,2020</p>
<p>SSA Proposed Request and Comment Request, 84 Federal Register 17155, March 26, 2020</p>	<p>NOTICE: Notice to Electronic Information Exchange Partners To Provide Contractor List—0960-NEW. SSA is required to maintain oversight of the information it provides to Electronic Information Exchange Partners (EIEPs). SSA requires any organization with an electronic data exchange agreement, to provide the SSA Regional Office contact a current list of contractors, or agents, who have access to SSA data upon request. SSA uses Form SSA-731, Notice to Electronic Information Exchange Partners to Provide Contractor List to collect this. The respondents are Federal agencies, and state, local, or tribal agencies, who exchange electronic information with SSA.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 26, 2020</p>

<p>Federal Acquisition Regulation: Section 508-Based Standards in Information and Communication Technology, 84 Federal Register 17831, March 31, 2020</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to incorporate recent revisions and updates to accessibility standards issued by the U.S. Access Board pursuant to section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 1, 2020</p>
<p>Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research, 84 Federal Register 17907, March 31, 2020</p>	<p>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: OSTP, and the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) Subcommittee on Open Science (SOS), are engaged in ongoing efforts to facilitate implementation and compliance with the 2013 memorandum Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research and to address recommended actions made by the Government Accountability Office in a November 2019 report. OSTP and the SOS continue to explore opportunities to increase access to unclassified published research, digital scientific data, and code supported by the U.S. Government. This RFI aims to provide all interested individuals and organizations with the opportunity to provide recommendations on approaches for ensuring broad public access to the peer-reviewed scholarly publications, data, and code that result from federally funded scientific research.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 6, 2020</p>

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<p>13VAC5-51. Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (amending 13VAC5-51-21, 13VAC5-51-31, 13VAC5-51-61, 13VAC5-51-91, 13VAC5-51-130 through 13VAC5-51-135.5, 13VAC5-51-138.4 through 13VAC5-51-141, 13VAC5-51-142 through 13VAC5-51-144.6, 13VAC5-51-144.8 through 13VAC5-51-155; adding 13VAC5-51-138.1), VA Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 16, March 30, 2020</p>	<p>EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD: The Board of Housing and Community Development noticed a public comment period on amendments to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (13VAC5-51) and amendments to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) published in the February 3, 2020, issue of the Virginia Register of Regulations (36:12 VA.R. 1457 1581 February 3, 2020).</p> <p>The public comment period has been extended to May 15, 2020, and commenters will use the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website, http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/. Please include the full name of the person commenting and any organization represented. To be considered, written comments must be submitted using the Town Hall online comment forum at https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=8878 by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020.</p>
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