

## Federal Register – May 2018

<p><a href="#">Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, 83 Federal Register 19196, May 2, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> The FCC proposes and seeks comment on a targeted rule to ensure that Universal Service Fund (USF) funding is not spent on equipment or services from suppliers that pose a national security <b>threat</b> to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> June 1, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">DOL Proposed Revision; Information Collections: Employment Information Form, 83 Federal Register 19300, May 2, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Wage and Hour Division administers the FLSA which sets the Federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards of most general application. WHD staff use Form WH-3 as a guide for obtaining optional information from complainants (e.g., current and former employees, unions, and competitor employers, self-reporting employers) about alleged employer violations of the labor standards provisions. The WHD seeks a revision to Form WH-3 associated with the new pilot self-audit program titled: Payroll Audit Independent Determination (PAID). Under the PAID program, employers are encouraged to conduct audits and, if they discover minimum wage or overtime violations, to self-report and correct their mistakes. This ICR is being submitted as a revision for approval for the addition of the PAID pilot program.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> June 2, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections under the Affordable Care Act, 83 Federal Register 19369, May 3, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> The Departments (IRS, EBSA, HHS) are issuing this notice of clarification to provide a more thorough explanation of the Departments' decision not to adopt recommendations made by ACEP and certain other commenters in the November 2015 final rule.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> May 3, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection, 83 Federal Register 21295, May 9, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY—NEW COMMON FORMATS:</b> As authorized by the Secretary of HHS, AHRQ coordinates the development of common definitions and reporting formats (Common Formats) for reporting on health care quality and patient safety. The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of <i>Common Formats for Surveillance—Hospital Version 0.2 Beta</i> for public review and comment which can be accessed electronically at the following website:  <a href="http://www.qualityforum.org/Project_Pages/Common_Formats_for_Patient_Safety_Data.aspx">http://www.qualityforum.org/Project_Pages/Common_Formats_for_Patient_Safety_Data.aspx</a>.</p>

<p><a href="#">DOD Reinstatement of Industrial Capabilities Information Collection, 83 Federal Register 21768, May 10, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> DOD proposes to reinstate this voluntary information collection to provide the adequate industrial capability analyses to indicate a diverse, healthy, and competitive industrial base capable of meeting Department demands.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> June 11, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Rescission of Social Security Rulings (SSRs) Related to Special Payments at Age 72, 83 Federal Register 21811, May 10, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> These SSRs interpret and apply our rules on “Special Payments at Age 72” in 20 CFR 404.380, 404.381, 404.382, 404.383, and 404.384. In today's Federal Register, we published a final rule that removes our “Special Payments at Age 72” rules, and revises other rules that refer to special age 72 payments. As we explain in that final rule, we are removing our rules on special age 72 payments because they are obsolete and no longer needed. We are rescinding these SSRs for the same reason.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> May 10, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Rescission of Social Security Ruling 05-02; Titles II and XVI: Determination of Substantial Gainful Activity if Substantial Work Activity Is Discontinued or Reduced-Unsuccessful Work Attempt, 83 Federal Register 22308, May 14, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> On October 17, 2016, we published final rules, Unsuccessful Work Attempts and Expedited Reinstatement Eligibility, in the <b>Federal Register</b> at <a href="#">81 FR 71367</a>. Due to these final rules and the resulting simplification of our policies, the guidance in SSR 05-02 is no longer correct. The final rules at <a href="#">20 CFR 404.1574(c)</a>, <a href="#">404.1575(d)</a>, <a href="#">416.974(c)</a>, <a href="#">416.975(d)</a> (unsuccessful work attempts) were effective November 16, 2016. Consequently, we are rescinding SSR 05-02 as obsolete. Notice of this rescission is published in accordance with <a href="#">20 CFR 402.35(b)(1)</a>.</p>
<p><a href="#">Determination of Royalty Rates and Terms for Making Ephemeral Copies of Sound Recordings for Transmission to Business Establishments (Business Establishments III), 83 Federal Register 22907, May 17, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) publish for comment proposed regulations that set rates and terms for the making of an ephemeral recording of a sound recording by a business establishment service for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> June 18, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">DOD Proposed Collection - Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interest, 83 Federal Register 22966, May 17, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Completion of the Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interest (SF 328) (which will be designated as a Common Form allowing its use by other federal agencies) and submission of supporting documentation (e.g., company or entity charter documents, board meeting minutes, stock or securities information, descriptions of organizational structures, contracts, sales, leases and/or loan agreements and revenue documents, annual reports and income statements, etc.) is part of the eligibility determination for access to classified information and/or issuance of a Facility Clearance.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> July 16, 2018</p>

<p><a href="#">Institutional Review Board Written Procedures: Guidance for Institutions and Institutional Review Boards; Availability, 83 Federal Register 22986, May 17, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are announcing the availability of a guidance entitled “Institutional Review Board (IRB) Written Procedures: Guidance for Institutions and IRBs.” The guidance is intended for institutions and IRBs responsible for review and oversight of human subject research under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and FDA regulations. The purpose of this guidance is to assist staff at institutions and IRBs who are responsible for preparing and maintaining written procedures. The guidance announced in this notice finalizes the draft guidance of the same title dated August 2016.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> No deadline</p>
<p><a href="#">2018 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements Availability, 83 Federal Register 23486, May 21, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> This Notice announces the availability of the 2018 OMB 2 CFR part 200, Subpart F—Audit Requirements, Appendix XI—Compliance Supplement (2018 Supplement). This Notice also offers interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2018 Supplement. The 2018 Supplement is not a full update on the 2017 Supplement and only amends the following programs with major changes, and adds guidance in Part 3.I, Procurement and Suspension and Debarment and Appendix VII of the Supplement. The 2018 Supplement complements the 2017 Supplement and applies to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2017. All programs, Parts and Appendices contained in the 2017 Compliance Supplement that are not listed for updates in the section above remain unchanged and applicable for audits. Thus, the 2018 Supplement must be used in conjunction with the 2017 Supplement to perform audits.</p>
<p><a href="#">Revision of Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Nonimmigrants, 83 Federal Register 24141, May 24, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> The Department of Labor (DOL or Department) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored Information Collection Request (ICR) revision, titled, “Labor Condition Application for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Nonimmigrants,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. This ICR has been classified as a revision, because of changes to Forms ETA-9035/9035E and WH-4. The Department has determined that additional information is required to be collected through Form ETA-9035/9035E; this enhanced data collection will allow the Department to better track employer usage of the program and provide greater transparency to the public with respect to the employment of H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3</p>

	<p>nonimmigrant workers in the United States. Public comments on the ICR are invited.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> June 25, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Copyright Office Fees, 83 Federal Register 24054, May 24, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:</b> The Copyright Office is proposing the adoption of a new fee schedule. The proposed fees would help the Office recover a significant part, though not the whole, of its costs. The Office is providing an opportunity to the public to comment on the proposed changes before it submits the fee schedule to Congress.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> July 23, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Form 8508, Request for Waiver From Filing Information Returns Electronically, 83 Federal Register 24593, May 29, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> Section 6011(e)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code requires certain filers of information returns to report these on magnetic media. Filers who seek relief from this requirement can use Form 8508 to request a waiver for a specific time. After evaluating the request, IRS will notify the taxpayer as to whether the request is approved or denied.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> July 30, 2018</p>
<p><a href="#">Changes to the Trademark Rules of Practice To Mandate Electronic Filing, 83 Federal Register 24701, May 30, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING:</b> The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) proposes to amend the Rules of Practice in Trademark Cases and the Rules of Practice in Filings Pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks to mandate electronic filing of trademark applications and submissions associated with trademark applications and registrations, and to require the designation of an email address for receiving USPTO correspondence. This proposed rule would further advance the USPTO's IT strategy to achieve complete end-to-end electronic processing of trademark-related submissions.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> July 30, 2018</p>
<b>Virginia Register – May 2018</b>	
<p><a href="#">Board of Accountancy Amends Regulations, VA Register of Regulations, Volume 34, Issue 19, May 14, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> These amendments (i) change the term of licensure from 12 months to a term defined by the Virginia Board of Accountancy and set the expiration date for all licenses as June 30; (ii) provide for the transition of existing licenses to the new expiration date, including proration of fees during the transition; and (iii) change the existing fee schedule to reflect this transitional period.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> June 13, 2018</p>

<p><a href="#">Designation of Executive Branch Officers and Employees Required to File Financial Disclosure Statements, VA Register of Regulations, Volume 34, Issue 19, May 14, 2018</a></p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE ORDER (#8)</b> – 1) Each of the Governor's Secretaries and the head of institution within the Executive Branch shall submit to the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before October 1, 2018 a report identifying by name and job title the positions that are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (i.e., presidents, vice presidents, provosts, deans, any other person with approval authority over contracts or audits). These officers shall file a disclosure form prescribed in § 2.2-3117. In addition to the above-mentioned positions that are required to file, the agency's report shall include a list of other senior-level positions with responsibility affecting legislative policies and rule-making authority or substantive authorization and decision-making regarding 1) policy, 2) contracts and procurement, 3) audits, 4) licensure, 5) inspections and investigations, and 6) investments or other financial matters.</p> <p>2) From the reports submitted, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall maintain a comprehensive list of officers and employees, including their position titles, who shall be designated to file the statement of economic interests.</p> <p>3. The head of each agency, institution, board, commission, council, and authority within the Executive Branch shall be responsible for ensuring that designated officers and employees file their statements of economic interests in accordance with § 2.2-3114 of the Code of Virginia.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE UNTIL:</b> June 30, 2022</p>