

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), 5 U.S.C. § 552a, a computer matching agreement shall remain in effect for up to 18 months. However, within three months prior to the expiration of the agreement, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) of both agencies may extend the agreement for a current, on-going computer matching program, for a single period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

1. Such program will be conducted without any change, and
2. Each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB, in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

The following match meets the conditions for renewal upon the signatures of the designated representatives of the parties and of the Chairpersons of the parties' respective DIBs, as set forth below:

TITLE OF MATCH:

Computer Matching Agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: U.S. Department of Education (ED)

Source Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

This Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) allows ED to receive information from VA to assist the Secretary of Education in her obligation to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, who claim to be veterans. This CMA covers the match of ED's Privacy Act system of records, entitled "Federal Student Aid Application File" (18-11-01), and VA's Privacy Act system of records, entitled "Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification Records Location Subsystem—VA" (38VA21) (BIRLS).

EFFECTIVE AND ORIGINAL EXPIRATION DATES:

Effective Date: January 3, 2019
Original Expiration Date: July 2, 2020

The above effective and original expiration dates are based on Article XIII of the CMA entitled “DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT,” paragraph A, “Effective Date” and paragraph B “Duration,” pursuant to which the effective date of the CMA began on the expiration of the 30-day public comment period following ED’s December 4, 2018 publication of notice of this matching program in the Federal Register.

RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: July 3, 2020
New Expiration Date: July 2, 2021

CHANGES:

By this renewal, VA and ED make the following non-substantive changes in the CMA:

In Section IV entitled “RECORDS DESCRIPTION” under paragraph B(3):

ED’s system of records notice entitled “Federal Student Aid Application File” (18-11-01) is updated as follows: ED’s system of records notice was last published in the Federal Register on October 29, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 57856-57863). Routine Uses (1)(a) and (13) permit ED to disclose information pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(3)) for purposes of this CMA. (See <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-10-29/pdf/2019-23581.pdf>.)

In Section XIV: PERSONS TO CONTACT:

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AGENCY CERTIFICATION:

As designated representatives of the parties, we certify that the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing CMA between the parties. We also agree to conduct the matching program without any change to the current matching program, subject to the approval of the respective DIBs.

Source Agency:

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Beth Murphy
Executive Director
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Chief Operating Officer
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Date

DATA INTEGRITY BOARD APPROVAL:

This certification renews for a period of 12 additional months the CMA between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs through July 2, 2021.

As Chairpersons of the respective DIBs, we certify that the DIBs have approved the renewal of the above CMA.

Paul Cunningham
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