

Supporting Statement

Data Collection by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce, Division of Nursing and Public Health, Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program Application
OMB Control No. 0915-0374- Revision

Terms of Clearance: None

A. Justification

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

This request is for continued approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for data collection activities with applicants for the Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program in the Health Resources and Services Administration's, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Nursing and Public Health. The NAT Program is authorized by Section 811 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 296j). HRSA provides advanced education nursing training grants to educational institutions to increase the numbers of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists through the NAT Program.

The NAT Program Specific Data Forms request information on program participants from the previous year including the following: number of enrollees, number of enrollees (trainees) supported, number of graduates, number of graduates supported, projected data on the number of trainees and graduates, degree program (Master's and Doctoral), and the distribution of Nurse Anesthetists who practice in underserved, rural, and/or public health practice settings.

2. Purpose and Use of Information Collection

HRSA uses the data from the NAT Program Specific Data Forms to determine the award amount, to ensure compliance with programmatic and grant requirements, and to provide

information to the public and Congress. Funds appropriated for the NAT Program are distributed among eligible institutions based on a formula, as permitted by PHS Act Section 806e(1).

HRSA is streamlining the data collection forms from three tables down to two tables by making the following revisions:

- Table 1—NAT: Enrollment, Traineeship Support, Graduates, Graduates Supported and Projected Data will no longer capture data by students in the first 12 months of study and students beyond the first 12 months of study in the program. Data will continue to be captured by Master's and Doctoral students.
- Table 2A—NAT: Graduate Data— Rural, Underserved, or Public Health is now Table 2 due to the elimination of Table 2B. There are no other changes to this form.
- Table 2B—NAT: Graduates Supported by Traineeship Data—Rural, Underserved, or Public Health will be discontinued.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction

Previously there were three NAT Tables which have now been reduced to two.

Burden Reduction Rationale: The NAT Program Specific Data Forms have been revised to streamline the process and capture only essential data for use in the formula calculation, ensure grantee compliance, and to evaluate the program.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

There is no duplication of reporting with this activity. The data collection is revised to capture information that is most salient to program management and award determination in a manner that is appropriate to the legislative intent and the administration of the program. The application data is pre-award information while BHW Performance Reporting data is post-award information.

5. **Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities**

No small businesses will be involved in this study.

6. **Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently**

There are no legal obstacles to reduce the burden. This data collection is essential in serving as an instrument for determining award amounts. Not collecting this vital data would impact the agency's ability to (1) institute the NAT Program, (2) provide program specific information, and (3) determine award amounts.

7. **Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5**

The request fully complies with the regulation.

8. **Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice/Outside Consultation**

Section 8A:

A 60-day Federal Register Notice was published in the *Federal Register* on November 1, 2016, vol.81, No. 211; pp. 75828-29. There were no public comments.

Section 8B:

9. **Explanation of any Payment/Gift to Respondents**

Respondents will not receive any payments or gifts.

10. **Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents**

Data will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. Private identifiers are not collected for this data collection.

11. **Justification for Sensitive Questions**

Data does not request questions of a sensitive nature. Data collection does not request Social Security Number of trainees.

12. Estimates of Annualized Hour and Cost Burden

The estimated annualized burden for the proposed data collection activities varies by applicant organization providing the required information. The table below summarizes the total burden hours for this information collection.

12A. Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondent	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Applicant	Table 1 - NAT: Enrollment, Traineeship Support, Graduate, Graduates Supported and Projected Data	100	1	100	3.4	340
Applicant	Table 2 – NAT: Graduate Data – Rural, Underserved,	100	1	100	2.8	280

	or Public Health				
Total		*100		100	620

* The same respondents are completing Tables 1 and Table 2.

12B.

The Department of Labor website can be used to determine appropriate wage rates for respondents-Nurse Anesthetists (<http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm>).

Estimated Annualized Burden Costs

Type of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Hourly Wage Rate	Total Respondent Costs
Applicant – Table 1	340	\$77.04	\$26,193.60
Applicant – Table 2	280	\$77.04	\$21,571.20
Total	620		\$47,764.80

13. Estimates of other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents or Recordkeepers/Capital Costs

Other than their time, there is no cost to respondents as the applicants should currently have systems in place for data collection.

14. Annualized Cost to Federal Government

The systems used to collect information for the applications is maintained at each applicant organization and maintained in the HRSA EHBs system when submitted to this Federal agency.

The estimated annualized cost to the government in staff time is estimated to be approximately

\$161,153 (1.5 FTE at the GS-13, step 5 level).

15. Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

The current inventory for this information collection request is 774 burden hours. This request is for 620 burden hours, a reduction of 154 hours. This reduction is due to the changes in Table 1 and the discontinuation of Table 2b.

16. Plans for Tabulation, Publication, and Project Time Schedule

This information collection will not use statistical methods such as sampling, imputation, or other statistical estimation techniques. This information collection will be published in the Funding Opportunity Announcement which will be on the worldwide web, Grants.gov and the HRSA EHBs. The OMB approval is needed for the electronic system and to collect the data. Clearance is requested for the maximum 3 years.

17. Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

The OMB number and expiration date will be displayed on every page of every form/instrument.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no exceptions to the certification.