

PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (PIA)

PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY: DoD Instruction 5400.16, "DoD Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) Guidance". Complete this form for Department of Defense (DoD) information systems or electronic collections of information (referred to as an "electronic collection" for the purpose of this form) that collect, maintain, use, and/or disseminate personally identifiable information (PII) about members of the public, Federal employees, contractors, or foreign nationals employed at U.S. military facilities internationally. In the case where no PII is collected, the PIA will serve as a conclusive determination that privacy requirements do not apply to system.

1. DOD INFORMATION SYSTEM/ELECTRONIC COLLECTION NAME:

Department of Defense Suicide Event Report (DoDSER 2.0)

2. DOD COMPONENT NAME:

Defense Health Agency

3. PIA APPROVAL DATE:

09/12/2025

Performance and Analytics, Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCoE) Research and Development Directorate (J-9)

SECTION 1: PII DESCRIPTION SUMMARY (FOR PUBLIC RELEASE)

a. The PII is: (Check one. Note: Federal contractors, military family members, and foreign nationals are included in general public.)

- ☐ From members of the general public ☒ From Federal employees
- ☐ from both members of the general public and Federal employees ☐ Not Collected (if checked proceed to Section 4)

b. The PII is in a: (Check one.)

- ☐ New DoD Information System ☐ New Electronic Collection
- ☐ Existing DoD Information System ☐ Existing Electronic Collection
- ☒ Significantly Modified DoD Information System

c. Describe the purpose of this DoD information system or electronic collection and describe the types of personal information about individuals collected in the system.

The Department of Defense Suicide Event Report System (DoDSER 2.0) is a surveillance system designed to gather standardized risk and protective factor information for suicide events across multiple domains. DoDSER 2.0 is a web-based application locally developed by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) accessed through a secure DoD website. which standardizes data collected on suicide events and allows for detailed statistical reports on suicide events that can be aggregated across the Services.

The personally identifiable information (PII) collected in DoDSER 2.0 includes: personal identifiers, demographic, employment, personal contact, education, and law enforcement information; medical information, personal health information (PHI) and military records. The categories of individuals about whom PII and PHI are collected include federal employees, Active Duty and Reserve Service Members (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and Space Force) and National Guard Personnel.

DoDSER 2.0 is managed by DHA Information Operations (IO) (J-6), Web & Mobile Tech (WMT) Project Management Office (PMO)

d. Why is the PII collected and/or what is the intended use of the PII? (e.g., verification, identification, authentication, data matching, mission-related use, administrative use)

The PII is collected to gather administrative information related to Service member suicides and suicide attempts used for verification, identification, authentication, data matching, mission-related health surveillance and statistical analysis.

e. Do individuals have the opportunity to object to the collection of their PII? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(1) If "Yes," describe the method by which individuals can object to the collection of PII.

(2) If "No," state the reason why individuals cannot object to the collection of PII.

Individuals are provided the opportunity to object to the collection of PII at the beginning of the interview. Participation in the interview is voluntary and the service member has the right to agree or decline the interview without penalty.

f. Do individuals have the opportunity to consent to the specific uses of their PII? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(1) If "Yes," describe the method by which individuals can give or withhold their consent.

(2) If "No," state the reason why individuals cannot give or withhold their consent.

Individuals are provided the opportunity to consent to specific uses of PII at the beginning of the interview. The provision of information is voluntary, there is no penalty for declining the interview.

g. When an individual is asked to provide PII, a Privacy Act Statement (PAS) and/or a Privacy Advisory must be provided. (Check as appropriate and provide the actual wording.)

☒ Privacy Act Statement ☐ Privacy Advisory ☐ Not Applicable

AUTHORITY: 10 USC 136, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; 10 USC Chapter 55, Medical and Dental Care; 29 CFR Part 1960, Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs and Related Matters; DoDD 6490.02E, Comprehensive Health Surveillance; and DoDD 6490.14, Defense Suicide Prevention Program.

PURPOSE: The Department of Defense Suicide Event Report System (DoDSER 2.0) is a surveillance system designed to gather standardized risk and protective factor information for suicide events across multiple domains. The DoDSER 2.0 standardizes data collected and allows for detailed statistical reports on suicide events that can be aggregated across the Services.

ROUTINE USES: Use and disclosure of your records outside of DoD may occur per the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a(b)). Collected information may be shared with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs, and other Federal, State, local, or foreign government agencies, authorized private business entities, including entities under contract with the Department of Defense and individual care providers relating to eligibility, claims pricing and payment, fraud, program abuse, utilization review, quality assurance, peer review, program integrity, third-party liability, coordination of benefits, and civil or criminal litigation.

Any protected health information (PHI) in your records may be used and disclosed generally as permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Rule (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164), as implemented within DoD. Permitted uses and disclosures of PHI include, but are not limited to, treatment, payment, healthcare operations, and the containment of certain communicable diseases.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. If you choose not to provide your information, no penalty may be imposed, but absence of the requested information may result in the inability to promote the health of the Armed Forces.

APPLICABLE SORN: EDHA 20 DoD, Department of Defense Suicide Event Report (DoDSER 2.0) System (April 15, 2016, 81 FR 22240) located at: <https://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNSIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570683/edha-20-dod/>

h. With whom will the PII be shared through data/system exchange, both within your DoD Component and outside your Component?
(Check all that apply)

☒ Within the DoD Component

Specify.

Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE), DHA Research and Development (J-9)

☒ Other DoD Components (i.e. Army, Navy, Air Force)

Specify.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Armed Forces Medical Examiner, and Defense Manpower Data Center

☒ Other Federal Agencies (i.e. Veteran's Affairs, Energy, State)

Specify.

Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Homeland Security (DHS), and Veterans Affairs (VA)

☐ State and Local Agencies

Specify.

☐ Contractor (Name of contractor and describe the language in the contract that safeguards PII. Include whether FAR privacy clauses, i.e., 52.224-1, Privacy Act Notification, 52.224-2, Privacy Act, and FAR 39.105 are included in the contract.)

Specify.

☐ Other (e.g., commercial providers, colleges).

Specify.

i. Source of the PII collected is: (Check all that apply and list all information systems if applicable)

☒ Individuals

☐ Databases

☒ Existing DoD Information Systems

☐ Commercial Systems

☐ Other Federal Information Systems

Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Identity web service.

j. How will the information be collected? (Check all that apply and list all Official Form Numbers if applicable)

☒ E-mail

☒ Official Form (Enter Form Number(s) in the box below)

☒ In-Person Contact

☐ Paper

☐ Fax

☒ Telephone Interview

☒ Information Sharing - System to System

☒ Website/E-Form

☐ Other (If Other, enter the information in the box below)

Information is collected through a secure website <https://dodser.health.mil/> and Form DD2996.

k. Does this DoD Information system or electronic collection require a Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN)?

A Privacy Act SORN is required if the information system or electronic collection contains information about U.S. citizens or lawful permanent U.S. residents that is retrieved by name or other unique identifier. PIA and Privacy Act SORN information must be consistent.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," enter SORN System Identifier

SORN Identifier, not the Federal Register (FR) Citation. Consult the DoD Component Privacy Office for additional information or <http://dpclid.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNs/>
or

If a SORN has not yet been published in the Federal Register, enter date of submission for approval to Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division (DPCLTD). Consult the DoD Component Privacy Office for this date.

If "No," explain why the SORN is not required in accordance with DoD Regulation 5400.11-R: Department of Defense Privacy Program.

I. What is the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) approved, pending or general records schedule (GRS) disposition authority for the system or for the records maintained in the system?

(1) NARA Job Number or General Records Schedule Authority.

(2) If pending, provide the date the SF-115 was submitted to NARA.

(3) Retention Instructions.

FILE NUMBER: 1805-25 - Master File: Temporary. Cut off annually upon separation or retirement of service member. Destroy 75 years after cutoff.

FILE NUMBER: 1805-26 - Annual Reports: Permanent. Cut off annually after report is published. Transfer to NARA 3 years after cutoff.

m. What is the authority to collect information? A Federal law or Executive Order must authorize the collection and maintenance of a system of records. For PII not collected or maintained in a system of records, the collection or maintenance of the PII must be necessary to discharge the requirements of a statute or Executive Order.

- (1) If this system has a Privacy Act SORN, the authorities in this PIA and the existing Privacy Act SORN should be similar.
(2) If a SORN does not apply, cite the authority for this DoD information system or electronic collection to collect, use, maintain and/or disseminate PII.
(If multiple authorities are cited, provide all that apply).

- (a) Cite the specific provisions of the statute and/or EO that authorizes the operation of the system and the collection of PII.
(b) If direct statutory authority or an Executive Order does not exist, indirect statutory authority may be cited if the authority requires the operation or administration of a program, the execution of which will require the collection and maintenance of a system of records.
(c) If direct or indirect authority does not exist, DoD Components can use their general statutory grants of authority ("internal housekeeping") as the primary authority. The requirement, directive, or instruction implementing the statute within the DoD Component must be identified.

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n. Does this DoD information system or electronic collection have an active and approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number?

Contact the Component Information Management Control Officer or DoD Clearance Officer for this information. This number indicates OMB approval to collect data from 10 or more members of the public in a 12-month period regardless of form or format.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Pending

- (1) If "Yes," list all applicable OMB Control Numbers, collection titles, and expiration dates.
(2) If "No," explain why OMB approval is not required in accordance with DoD Manual 8910.01, Volume 2, "DoD Information Collections Manual: Procedures for DoD Public Information Collections."
(3) If "Pending," provide the date for the 60 and/or 30 day notice and the Federal Register citation.

This information is collected using existing data and is not covered under the PRA.