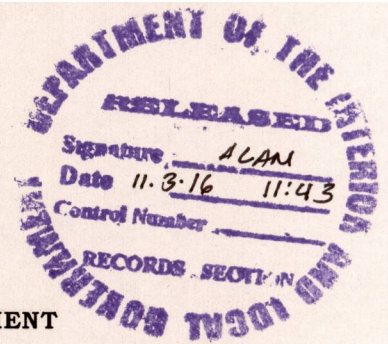




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016"

Memorandum Circular No. 2016-160
November 3, 2016

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On June 23, 2016, President Benigno S. Aquino III signed Republic Act No. 10868, known as "An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians, and for other purposes, or otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016".
- 1.2 The Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10868, was approved and adopted on September 26, 2016 by the Secretaries of DSWD, DILG, DOH and Head of Commission on Filipino Overseas.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum Circular is to inform and ensure compliance by the local government units the granting of the benefits and privileges to Filipino Centenarians.

3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned.

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 Centenarians are all Filipinos who have reached one hundred years old and above, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad.
- 4.2 All LGUs are encouraged to conduct appropriate commemorative activities within their localities during the celebration of the National Respect for Centenarians Day, as part of the annual Elderly Filipino Week every first Sunday of October. This occasion is considered as a national event and an avenue for honoring and giving awards and incentives to centenarians.

- 4.3 A centenarian shall receive the following awards and incentives from the national government.
- 4.3.1 Letter of Felicitation – a letter of Felicitation signed by the President of the Philippines shall be given to the living centenarian.
 - 4.3.2 Centenarian Gift – In addition to the Letter of Felicitation, a cash award of P100,000.00 shall be given to the living centenarian in recognition of his or her longevity. The amount of P100,000.00 for each centenarian shall be taken from the available funds of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
 - 4.3.3 Posthumous Plaque of recognition – shall be awarded to the deceased centenarian by the DSWD to be received by the centenarian's nearest surviving relative.
- 4.4 A centenarian shall receive the following awards and incentives from the city or municipality where he or she resides.
- 4.4.1 Plaque of recognition- in addition to the Letter of Felicitation, a Plaque of Recognition shall also be given to the centenarian acknowledging his or her long life.
 - 4.4.2 Cash Incentive – Together with the Plaque of Recognition, the City and Municipality shall also grant the centenarian a cash incentive in an amount to be determined by the LGU. Due consideration may be given to any local ordinance passed earlier granting a similar cash incentive for centenarians. All local authorities are enjoined to set aside a portion of their local funds in their annual budget, for this purpose.
- 4.5 All DILG and ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local government units within their respective regional jurisdictions.

6.0 Penal Provisions

Non-compliance with this Memorandum Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

7.0 References

- 7.1 RA No. 100868 or the "Centenarians Act of 2016" dated June 23, 2016
- 7.2 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 10868 dated September 26, 2016

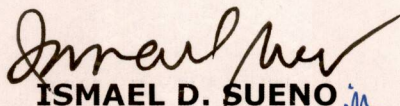
8.0 Repealing Clause

All DILG Memorandum Circulars inconsistent herewith in part or in full, are hereby modified, revoked, or repealed accordingly.

9.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

10.0 Approving Authority


ISMAEL D. SUENO
Secretary



11.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Bureau of Local Government Supervision at Tel. Nos. 928-9181 or 925-1153, or inquire directly to Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Central Office, IBP Road, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills at Tel. Nos. (632) 981-8101 to 07; 931-8130 or 951-7120; Telefax No. (632) 931-8191 with e-mail address: osec@dswd.gov.ph and website: <http://www.dswd.gov.ph>