



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01**  
**Series of 2025**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO NCSC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC) NO. 02, SERIES OF 2024, ENTITLED "GUIDELINES ON THE GRANT OF BENEFITS TO FILIPINO OCTOGENARIANS, NONAGENARIANS, AND CENTENARIANS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) NO. 11982<sup>1</sup> AMENDING R.A. NO. 10868<sup>2</sup>"**

**I. RATIONALE**

The National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) was created<sup>3</sup> pursuant to R.A. No. 11350 otherwise known as the "National Commission of Senior Citizens Act." The NCSC is primarily mandated to ensure the full implementation of laws, policies, programs of the government pertaining to senior citizens.<sup>4</sup>

Section 11 of R.A. No. 11350 provides that *"All functions, programs, projects and activities which are being undertaken by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the formulation, implementation, and coordination of social welfare and development (SWD) policies and programs for the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged senior citizens shall be transferred to the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC)."* In consonance thereto, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DSWD and the NCSC was executed on 29 June 2022. Per the said MOA, the following are being gradually transferred from the DSWD to the NCSC: Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens; Provision of Centenarian Gift; Assistance to Older Persons/Senior Citizens; and Supervision, Management and Provision of Services to Senior Citizens at the enumerated Residential Care Facilities.

One of the programs which will be transferred to the NCSC is R.A. No. 11982, which amended R.A. No. 10868, was enacted on 26 February 2024. As such, on 22 August 2024, the NCSC, through its Commission *en banc* approved the NCSC MC No. 02, s. of 2024, which laid down the guidelines for the availment of the cash benefits as provided for by R.A. No. 11982.

In line with the adoption and publication of NCSC MC No. 02, s. of 2024, series of onsite and offsite orientations, awareness-raising seminars, and provision of technical assistance on the salient features of the law and the guidelines were conducted by the concerned NCSC personnel to its Central and Regional Offices, as well as to the concerned external stakeholders such as the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) various local government units, Local Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs), and respective focal persons for senior citizens/elderly/older persons.

The series of orientations and awareness-raising seminars revealed operational concerns and issues which are being encountered by the Regional Offices as to the implementation of the NCSC MC No. 02, s. of 2024.

Thus, this MC is being issued in order to clarify and resolve the concerns and issues raised by the Regional Offices.

<sup>1</sup> Entitled "An Act Granting Benefits to Filipino Octogenarians and Nonagenarians, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10868, Otherwise Known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016", and Appropriating Funds Therefor"

<sup>2</sup> Otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016".

<sup>3</sup> Section 3, R.A. No. 11350.

<sup>4</sup> Section 7(a), R.A. No. 11350.

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II. The following are the amendments:

1. In Item III. Definition of Terms, the terms "beneficiary", "designated beneficiary", and "institutional beneficiary" are hereby included and defined as follows:

"oo. Beneficiary – refers to the eligible Octogenarian, Nonagenarian, or Centenarian."

"pp. Designated beneficiary - refers to the individual "designated" by the Octogenarian, Nonagenarian, or Centenarian to claim the cash gift in case of his/her death."

"qq. Institutional beneficiary – refers to the registered residential care facility/retirement village/other similar institution/facility in the Philippines, which have in the care and custody potential beneficiaries with no known relatives or designated beneficiaries."

2. Item IV. Eligibility is hereby amended to read as follows:

*"All Filipinos, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, who are of ages eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95), and one hundred (100) shall be eligible to receive the benefits provided for by R.A. No. 10868 as amended by R.A. No. 11982, reckoned from its effectivity, subject to the documentary requirements and procedures prescribed herein on Item Nos. VI and VII, respectively.*

*The grantees<sup>5</sup> under this Item shall be eligible to receive the cash gift, prescribed under the immediately succeeding Item upon reaching the ages of eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95), and one hundred (100).*

*NCSC shall accept applications submitted at least four (4) to six (6) months prior reaching the milestone age of the applicant as this will give the Commission ample time to assess, review, and validate the submissions made.*

*The following are **qualified** to receive the cash gift:*

- a) All Filipinos, regardless of their socio-economic status;<sup>6</sup>*

*The following are **not qualified** to receive the cash gift:*

- a) Those who died prior reaching the milestone and centenarian ages.*

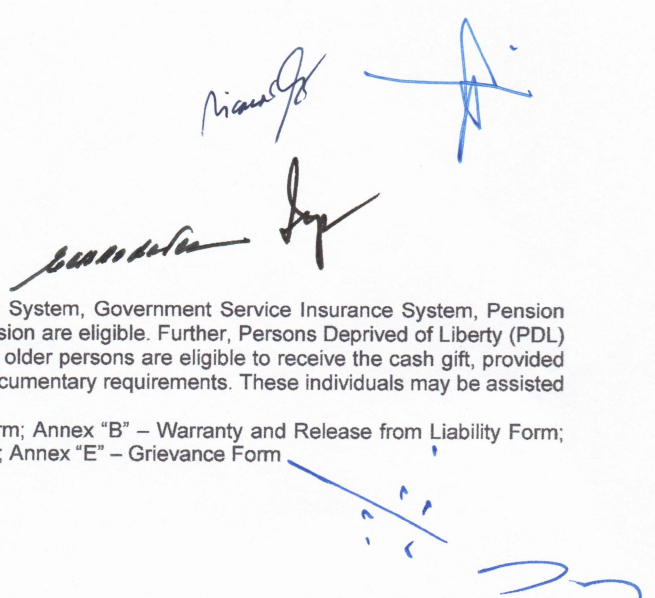
*The notice of the eligibility shall be provided to the beneficiary upon approval at the last known address indicated in the application."*

3. In Item VI. Documentary Requirements, please note that the revised annexes<sup>7</sup> shall be used.

<sup>5</sup> Term lifted from R.A. No. 11982.

<sup>6</sup> This means that all Filipinos currently covered by the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System, Pension System for Military Veterans, as well as all Filipinos receiving social pension are eligible. Further, Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) except those with final conviction, abandoned, homeless, or unattached older persons are eligible to receive the cash gift, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements and able to comply with the documentary requirements. These individuals may be assisted by the concerned authorities as necessary.

<sup>7</sup> Attached herein are the revised annexes: Annex "A" – Application Form; Annex "B" – Warranty and Release from Liability Form; Annex "C" – Authorization Letter; Annex "D" – Special Power of Attorney; Annex "E" – Grievance Form





4. Item VI.2.a is amended to read as follows:

"2. Any one (1) of the following primary identification (ID) cards/documents:<sup>8</sup>

- a. Certified True Copy or Original Copy of Certificate of Live Birth duly issued or authenticated by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)";
- b. Photocopy of Philippine Identification System ID card / Philippine ID card / National ID card provided that the original copy must be presented.

*In the absence of primary ID/documents, any two (2) of the following secondary ID cards/documents may be accepted:*

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d. Photocopy of Philippine-government issued ID cards provided that the original copy shall be presented during pay-out, such as the Land Transportation Office (LTO) issued Driver's License, social security cards from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and Social Security System (SSS), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) license, Philippine Postal ID, Commission on Elections (COMELEC) voter's ID or certification showing Filipino citizenship and year of birth;

e. Original Certificate of Live Birth of any child born prior the enactment and passage of R.A. No. 10868, duly authenticated by the PSA.

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f. Original or certified true copy of the Certificate of Live Birth from the Local Civil Registry.

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5. Sub-item c of Item VIII. Distribution of Cash Gifts to Eligible Beneficiaries is hereby amended to read as follows:

"c. During the payout, the original OSCA ID shall be presented with a photocopy of the same to be signed in the presence of the paymaster. Other valid IDs may be accepted only in case of lost OSCA ID accompanied by an affidavit of loss.

In case cash gift will be claimed by an authorized representative, beneficiaries must submit the following:

For Beneficiaries under medical care/with existing medical condition

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3. In lieu of the SPA, an original authorization letter<sup>9</sup> indicating the name of the beneficiary, name of the authorized representative and his/her relationship to the beneficiary, and reason of inability to personally claim the cash gift. The authorization letter must be attested by the LGU and submitted to the NCSC RO as far as practicable prior to the actual payout;

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<sup>8</sup> The list of documentary requirements is lifted from the following issuances:

- DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2017;
- DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 06, Series of 2018; and
- DSWD-DFA-CFO-PVAO Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 2020

<sup>9</sup> Template of which is included in the annexes.



6. In Item VIII, particularly, sub-item 1 of the list of requirements for deceased beneficiaries, the said provision is amended to read as follows:

*"For Deceased Beneficiaries:*

*1. Original copy/certified true copy/authenticated copy of the Death Certificate of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Octogenarian/Nonagenarian/Centenarian as issued/certified/authenticated by the PSA or the Local Civil Registry.*

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III. REPEALING CLAUSE

This Memorandum Circular amends the above cited provisions of the NCSC MC No. 02, Series of 2024.

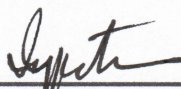

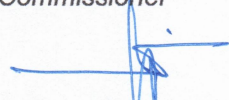
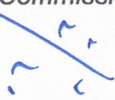
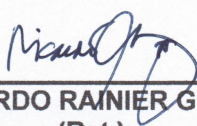

All other provisions stated in the NCSC MC No. 02, Series of 2024 not affected by these amendments shall remain effective.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025 in Quezon City, Philippines.

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