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PSA Cordillera set to register residents for national ID

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PSA regional and provincial office employees undergo a four-day training in preparation for the registration of Filipino citizens and resident aliens in the Cordillera region for the Philippine Identification System or PhilSys.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Regional Statistics Services Office of the Cordillera Administrative Region and its six Provincial Statistics Offices prepares for the roll-out of implementation of the Philippine Identification System or PhilSys in the region this January 2021. Republic Act No. 11055 otherwise known as the Philippine Identification System Act which was signed into law by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in August 2018 mandates the PSA to implement the PhilSys. The PSA will be the agency primarily responsible in the overall planning, management and administration of the PhilSys with technical assistance from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

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The national ID or the PhilSys aims to provide a single national identification system for all citizens and resident aliens in the country as valid proof of identity. The PhilSys is expected to simplify public and private transactions, promotes ease of doing business and enhances integrity of services by eliminating identity fraud, enhances transparency in governance thereby reducing corruption, streamlines delivery of social services especially for the vulnerable groups of the population, and strengthens financial inclusion for both public and private services.

There are three processes to be done for the PhilSys registration. The first step or Step 1 is the gathering of basic demographic information. The second step or Step 2 is the collection of biometric information, and Step 3 is the issuance of the PhilSys ID card.

For Step 1 of the PhilSys, applicants shall provide basic demographic data that are accurate with the use of Tablet-Based Pre-registration System (TBPRS), a secure electronic device operated by PSA-authorized data collectors or enumerators who will visit from house to house. This strategy was determined by the PSA in compliance to the established health and safety measures and security protocols against the threat of Covid-19, and to prevent applicants flocking or crowding the PSA-designated Registration Centers. Step 1 registration of Filipino citizens and resident aliens in all provinces in the Cordillera region officially starts on January 18, 2021. Areas with low income households and low incidence of Covid-19 cases will be prioritized, however, the system will eventually register every qualified applicant and no one shall be left behind. The information to be collected include full name, sex, date and place of birth, blood type, permanent and present address, nationality, marital status (optional), mobile phone number (optional) and email address (optional). Applicants will be asked to present supporting documents such as PSA-issued copy of their birth certificate or primary identification documents such as government-issued IDs or a passport. An appointment transaction slip for the next step of registration under the PhilSys (Step 2) will be given to the applicant.

Under the Step 2 registration, the PSA collects biometric information such as scans of the fingers and the iris (eyes), and captures front-facing image of the applicant/individual. This process will be undertaken at designated Registration Centers wherein applicants provided with appointment transaction slips after undergoing Step 1 will be asked to visit the Registration Centers at a scheduled date and time.

The PhilSys is built on system of a privacy-by-design principle and adopts the latest technologies and innovations in implementation taking into account the importance of privacy of individuals and security of information pursuant to Republic Act 10173 or the Data Privacy Act. With this, we encourage the public to cooperate in this government endeavor, and for the regional line agencies and local government units to assist in the successful conduct of the PhilSys registration in their respective areas.


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