

## [ IRR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, September 16, 2016 ]

### **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, "AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016"**

#### **RULE I TITLE, PURPOSE, AND CONSTRUCTION**

**Article 1. Title.** – These Rules shall be known and cited as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016."

**Article 2. Purpose.** – Pursuant to Section 6 of RA 10868 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), these Rules and Regulations are promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for its implementation, in order to facilitate compliance with the Act and to achieve its objectives.

**Article 3. Construction.** – These Rules shall be construed and applied in accordance with and in furtherance of the policies and objectives of the Act. In case of conflict or ambiguity, the same shall be construed liberally and in favor of the centenarian.

#### **RULE II DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Article 2. Definition of Terms** – For purposes of these Rules, the terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Centenarian** – All Filipinos, who have reached one hundred years old and above, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad,
- b. **Letter of Felicitation** – a letter from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant on his or her longevity,
- c. **Plaque of Recognition** – an award given to a living centenarian by the city or municipality where he or she resides.
- d. **Posthumous Plaque of Recognition** – an award given to a deceased centenarian presented to his or her Nearest Surviving Relative from the national government through the DSWD.
- e. **Centenarian Gift** – the amount of Ph100, 000.00 cash benefit to be given to the centenarian as a gift from the national government through the DSWD.
- f. **Cash incentive** – the amount to be awarded by the city or municipality to the centenarian as additional benefit to be determined by the concerned LGU.
- g. **National Respect for Centenarians Day** – the annual commemoration of centenarian day to be celebrated every first Sunday of October as part of the

annual celebration of the Elderly Filipino Week (EFW) from October 1 to 7.

- h. **Nearest Surviving Relative** – refers to the closest person related to the deceased centenarian by blood or affinity.
- i. **Identification Document** – refers to any document or proof of being a centenarian that may be used as basis for the availment of the above-mentioned awards and incentives.
- j. **C/MSWDO** – refers to the City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (C/MSWDO) which is in-charge of the implementation of social service programs, including direct services (or specific sectors like the elderly, at the local level.
- k. **OSCA** – refers to the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) established under Republic Act No. 9994, and headed by an OSCA Head, primarily tasked to assist in implementing the Expanded Senior Citizens Act,
- l. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)** – refers to all groups and organizations, whether non-government organizations (NCOs) or People's Organizations (POs).

### **RULE III NATIONAL RESPECT FOR CENTENARIANS DAY**

**Article 3. National Respect for Centenarians Day** – The first Sunday of October is hereby declared as National Respect for Centenarians Day as part of the annual Elderly Filipino Week (EFW). It shall be observed as a national event and the day when all centenarians will be honored and be given awards and/or incentives provided in the Act pursuant to this IRR.

### **RULE IV COVERAGE**

**Article 4. Coverage.** – All Filipinos who have reached one hundred years old and above whether residing in the Philippines or abroad.

### **RULE V COVERAGE**

**Article 5.1. Awards and Incentives from the National Government.** – A centenarian shall receive the following awards and incentives from the national government:

- a. **Letter of Felicitation** – a Letter of Felicitation signed by the President of the Philippines shall be given to the living centenarian.
- b. **Centenarian Gift** – in addition to the Letter of Felicitation, a cash award of P100,000.00 shall be given to the 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 DSWD as included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
- c. **Posthumous Plaque of Recognition** – shall be awarded to the deceased centenarian by the DSWD to be received by the centenarian's nearest surviving relative.

**Article 5.2. Awards and Incentives from the Local Government Unit** – A centenarian shall receive the following awards and incentives from the city or municipality where he or she resides.