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Department of Education

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DepEd ORDER No. **037** s. 2018

AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO DEPED ORDER NOS. 12, S. 2004; 36, S. 2007; AND 52, S. 2017

(Revised Implementing Guidelines for the DepEd Provident Fund)

To: Undersecretaries **Assistant Secretaries** Bureau and Service Directors Regional Directors Schools Division Superintendents Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned

Pursuant to Resolution No. 1, s. 2018 of the Department of Education (DepEd) Provident Fund (PF) National Board of Trustees (NBT), the pertinent provisions of DepEd Order (DO) Nos. 12, s. 2004; 36, s. 2007; and 52, s. 2017 on the Revised Implementing Guidelines for the DepEd are amended as follows:

a. Item 1.a of DO 36, s. 2007 (Section X.4 of DO 12, s. 2014)

Existing Provision Amendment The loan shall be used for The following are the types of emergency needs of the PF loans that may be applied for teacher/employee, or immediate by a DepEd personnel: and other members of his/her family up to the fourth degree of a. Multi-Purpose Loan (MPL), civil consanguinity or affinity: whether for educational, medical, or emergency needs of the teacher/employee, or i. Hospitalization and/or medical expenses resulting from an the immediate and other accident/illness; members of his/her family, major and minor house ii. Death of immediate and/or repairs/improvements, other members of his/her payment of loans from other family up to the fourth degree private lending institutions of consanguinity or affinity; (PLIs) and/or government financial institutions (GFIs), iii. Educational loans; livelihood, and for other legal purposes; and iv. Minor but immediately needed repair of the house of the b. Additional Loan, which shall teacher/employee; and be for extreme emergency cases only. v. Other emergency expenses to be specified by the teacher/ employee-applicant.



Existing Provision

Examples of extreme emergency cases are:

- (1) Payment for hospital bills of the teacher/employee or member of his/her family within the third civil degree of consanguinity/affinity;
- (2) Death of a member of the borrower's family within the third degree of consanguinity/affinity; or
- (3) Borrower is a direct victim of a natural or man-made calamity, such as typhoons, fire, robbery, armed conflict, etc.;

The loan requirements are as follows:

- Accomplished application form, stating among others, the specific purpose for which the loan will be used, including the appropriate supporting documents;
- ii. Latest pay slip/payroll indicating monthly salary deductions;
- iii. Casual employee-borrowers shall also submit a copy of his/her latest appointment, in additional to the above requirements.

Amendment

Applications for Additional Loans at the Regional and Schools Division PF Chapters shall be approved by the DepEd PF Regional Board of Trustees, which will then be reported to the DepEd NBT for confirmation, while the DepEd Central Office Chapter shall be approved by the DepEd NBT.

Additional loans shall be justified by the DepEd borrower by citing extreme emergency cases, such as:

- Payment of hospital bills of DepEd personnel or member of his/her family within the third civil degree of consanguinity/affinity; or
- b. Death of a member of the borrower's family within the third civil degree of consanguinity/affinity; or
- c. Borrower is a direct victim of a natural or man-made calamity, such as typhoons, fire, robbery, armed conflict, and others.

The documentary requirements are as follows:

- i. Accomplished application form, stating among others, the specific purpose for which the loan will be used. Refer to the enclosure for the Revised Loan Application Form; and
- ii. Latest pay slip/payroll indicating monthly salary deductions.

c. Item 1.e of DO 36, s. 2007

Existing Provision	Amendment
The National/Regional Boards	The National/Regional Boards
may allow renewal of loan	may allow renewal of loan
provided that fifty percent (50%) of	provided that at least thirty
the previous loan has been paid,	percent (30%) of the existing
there are no pending applications	loan has been paid, there are no
for new loans, and the balance of	pending applications for new
the principal amount shall be	loans, and the balance of the
deducted from the new loan.	principal amount shall be
	deducted from the new loan.

d. Part VI, Item 3 (Enclosure) of DO 12, s. 2004—Secretariat of the Board

Existing Provision	Amendment
The Regional Board shall create its	The Regional Board shall create
own respective Secretariat,	its own respective Secretariat
determine its specific functions,	composed of selected staff from
organization and compensation for	the Administrative Services
overtime services rendered by its	Division (focal office), Finance
clerical staff. It shall also create	Division and Legal Section. The
secretariats in the division offices	Secretariat shall determine its
to administer the operations of the	specific functions, organization
Fund in the division level.	and compensation for overtime
	services rendered by its clerical
	staff. It shall also create
	Secretariats in the schools
	division offices, with
	similar/parallel composition as
	in the Regional Board, to
	administer the operations of the
	Fund in the schools division
	level.
·	The Regional Board shall regularly update the National Board through the National
	Board Secretariat with
	compositions of the Regional
	and Schools Division Boards
	Secretariats, for records and
	monitoring purposes.

e. Item 1.b of DO 52, s. 2017

Existing Provision	Amendment
All types of loans shall have a	Effective November 2017, all
contractual interest rate of six	types of loans shall have a
percent (6%) per annum,	contractual interest rate of six
computed using the diminishing/	percent (6%) per annum, with
declining balance method, wherein	no grace period on the start of
the interest per installment period	payment of loan, computed
is calculated based on the	using the diminishing/declining
outstanding balance of the PF	balance method, wherein the

loan at the beginning of each installment period.

Total amount due, inclusive of principal and interest, will be payable in equal monthly amortizations. The borrower may opt for a repayment period from 12 up to 60 months, subject to his/her capacity to pay. In all cases, repayment of loans shall be through automatic payroll deductions. For guidance, refer to Illustrations 1 to 5, for terms of loan of 1 to 5 years, respectively and the corresponding notes.

interest per installment period is calculated based on the outstanding balance of the PF loan at the beginning of each installment period.

Total amount due, inclusive of principal and interest, will be payable in equal monthly amortizations. The borrower may opt for a repayment period from 12 up to 60 months, subject to his/her capacity to pay. In all cases, repayment of loans shall be through automatic payroll deductions and over-the-counter payment in case of dislodged PF deductions in the payroll.

The amount of loan amortization of the borrowers with outstanding PF loan balance as of November 2017 shall be maintained in the payroll until full payment. The PF Secretariat shall make necessary adjustments in the posting of the borrowers' respective accounts in the Subsidiary Ledgers, and any excess payments for fully paid loans using the new method of loan computation shall be refunded to the concerned borrowers.

For guidance, refer to Illustrations 1 to 5, for terms of loan of 1 to 5 years, respectively.

- 2. The following are the additional provisions to DO 12, s. 2004:
 - a. Newly hired teachers are allowed to avail of PF loan with the following terms:

Maximum Loanable Amount	One month basic salary
Term	Six months
Interest	6% per annum or 0.5% per month, computed using the diminishing balance method

- b. The outstanding principal PF loan balance of a DepEd borrower who transferred from one station to another shall be transferred to the recipient station through proper recording in their books of accounts. The PF loan account transferred shall still be subject to imposition of interest.
- c. Provision of bad debts for deceased borrowers shall be allowed at 1% of the total outstanding loans receivables for each PF chapter starting year 2018, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 3. Provisions in the implementing guidelines as contained in DO 12, s. 2004; 36, s. 2007; and 52, s. 2017, which are inconsistent with the aforementioned amendments and additional provisions are rescinded while those that are not affected shall continue to be observed.
- 4. This Order shall take effect upon its approval.
- 5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

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Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 12, s. 2004; 36, 2007; and 52, s. 2017)

To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

AMENDMENT BENEFITS CHANGE EMPLOYEES FUNDS OFFICIALS POLICY SALARY TEACHERS