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DISSEMINATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 417 AND 420

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the following:

- a) Executive Order No. 417 dated March 22, 2005 entitled "Directing the Implementation of the Economic Independence Program for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)"; and
- b) Executive Order No. 420 dated April 13, 2005 entitled "Requiring all Government Agencies and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations to Streamline and Harmonize their Identification (ID) Systems, and Authorizing for such Purpose the Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority to Implement the Same, and for Other Purposes".

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

Encl.: As stated
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 417

**DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES (PWDs)**

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the State under the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines to protect the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs) and promote their welfare and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, also affirms and mandates the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance, and integration of PWDs into the mainstream society;

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act explicitly provides funding mechanisms for programs and projects of PWDs and their organizations from at least one percent (1%) of the total yearly budget of all National Government Agencies and instrumentalities including Government Financial Institutions and Government owned and controlled corporations;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 240 on the Philippine Decade of Disabled Persons 2003-2012 further instructs all Heads of Departments, Chiefs of Bureaus, Offices, Agencies and Instrumentalities of the National Government, Local Government Units to implement plans, programs and activities geared towards the development of PWDs;

WHEREAS, the National Anti-Poverty Action Program and the Administration's 10-Point Legacy Agenda target the delivery of services to and the development of the marginalized basic sectors, such as PWDs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Implementation of the Economic Independence Program for Persons with Disabilities.*--All national government agencies including government owned and controlled corporations are enjoined to support and cooperate in the implementation of the Economic Independence Program for PWDs.

SECTION 2. *Enhancement of the Social and Vocational Skills Capabilities of PWDs.*-- In order to develop and enhance the social and vocational skills capacities of PWDs:



1. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall develop and implement a national social preparation program that will deal on moral values and work ethics of entrepreneurs with disabilities;
2. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall continually develop a system of equivalency to ensure PWDs' access to employment and entrepreneurship;
3. The TESDA shall develop and implement relevant unified training programs, basic organizational and entrepreneurial skills that eventually make PWDs self-reliant and not a burden to society;
4. The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) shall develop and implement programs to promote coop organizing and development among PWDs.

SECTION 3. *Markets for Products and Services of Cooperatives of PWDs and other Organizations of PWDs Engaged in Livelihood.--*

- In order to ensure markets for products and services of PWDs, their cooperatives and other organizations engaged in business:

1. All Government Agencies, Bureaus, Offices, Instrumentalities, State Universities and Colleges, Government Financial Institutions and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations shall employ PWDs whenever applicable. Local Government Units are also enjoined to employ PWDs whenever applicable.
2. The same are to avail of the services of cooperatives of PWDs and organizations of PWDs by procuring at least 10% of their requirements of goods and services, where possible and applicable. All local Government Units are also enjoined to do the same.
3. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), together with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall develop and implement marketing promotion and product development and to come up with a database of PWD organizations and a directory of PWD products and services. All government offices, national and local, are also herewith enjoined to reserve a displace space for PWS products and services in their respective offices upon request and where appropriate.



4. The Philippine Information Agency shall create promotional programs on the positive image of PWDs focusing on the ability and not on the disability.

SECTION 4. Accessible Work Centers.--- In order to provide accessible work centers with adequate equipment in strategic areas especially near export processing zones or economic zone areas for viable endeavors by PWDs:

1. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) shall conduct an inventory of unused government buildings for free temporary usage as work centers for PWDs.
2. The DSWD shall facilitate post-identification activities, including assisting PWD organizations to source equipment and other operational assistance. It shall also enhance the implementation of its existing social and vocational rehabilitation training centers and sheltered workshops.

SECTION 5. Capital for Livelihood Programs.--- To ensure continuous source of capital for livelihood programs for PWDs:

1. The Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines, People's Credit and Finance Corporation (PCFC), Quedancor, National Livelihood Support Fund shall make available funds for the credit requirements of eligible PWD cooperatives and organizations, as well as develop other financial services where viable.
2. The PCFC shall enjoin its affiliated microfinance institutions to open programs for PWD entrepreneurs and promote the development of microfinance schemes designed for PWD micro-enterprises.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, Financial and Work Plans.--- To ensure effective implementation of the Program:

1. The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) shall be the lead agency to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Executive Order in consultation with stakeholders and which shall be prepared within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Order.
2. Concerned agencies shall formulate their respective guidelines and shall include in their annual work and financial plans, programs,



activities, and plans in compliance with this Executive Order and its implementing rules and regulations as may hereinafter be issued.

3. NAPC shall exercise regular policy oversight functions in the implementation of this Executive Order

SECTION 7. Reporting. ---To ensure periodic reporting on the development and implementation of economic development programs for PWDs:

1. Concerned government agencies shall submit, at least on a semi-annual basis, reports on the implementation of Economic Independence Program for PWDs to the NAPC and the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

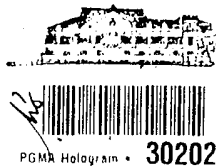
DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

Gloria Araya



By the President:

Eduardo Ermita
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Executive Secretary



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 420

REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO STREAMLINE AND HARMONIZE THEIR IDENTIFICATION (ID) SYSTEMS, AND AUTHORIZING FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, good governance is a major thrust of this Administration;

WHEREAS, the existing multiple identification systems in government have created unnecessary and costly redundancies and higher costs to government, while making it inconvenient for individuals to be holding several identification cards;

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to streamline and integrate the processes and issuance of identification cards in government to reduce costs and to provide greater convenience for those transacting business with government;

WHEREAS, a unified identification system will facilitate private businesses, enhance the integrity and reliability of government-issued identification cards in private transactions, and prevent violations of laws involving false names and identities.

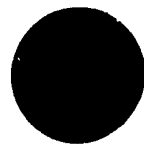
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the following:

Section 1. *Adoption of a unified multi-purpose identification (ID) system for government.* All government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, are hereby directed to adopt a unified multi-purpose ID system to ensure the attainment of the following objectives:

- a. To reduce costs and thereby lessen the financial burden on both the government and the public brought about by the use of multiple ID cards and the maintenance of redundant database containing the same or related information;
- b. To ensure greater convenience for those transacting business with the government and those availing of government services;



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- c. To facilitate private businesses and promote the wider use of the unified ID card as provided under this executive order;
- d. To enhance the integrity and reliability of government-issued ID cards; and
- e. To facilitate access to and delivery of quality and effective government service.

Section 2. Coverage. – All government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations issuing ID cards to their members or constituents shall be covered by this executive order.

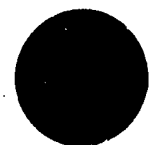
Section 3. Data requirement for the unified ID system. – The data to be collected and recorded by the participating agencies shall be limited to the following:

Name
Home Address
Sex
Picture
Signature
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Marital Status
Names of Parents
Height
Weight
Two index fingers and two thumbmarks
Any prominent distinguishing features like moles and others
Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Provided that a corresponding ID number issued by the participating agency and a common reference number shall form part of the stored ID data and, together with at least the first five items listed above, including the print of the right thumbmark, or any of the fingerprints as collected and stored, shall appear on the face or back of the ID card for visual verification purposes.

Section 4. Authorizing the Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, to Harmonize All Government Identification Systems. – The Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, is hereby authorized to streamline and harmonize all government ID systems.

Section 5. Functions and responsibilities of the Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority. In addition to his organic functions and responsibilities, the Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, shall have the following functions and responsibilities:



- a. Adopt within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this executive order a unified government ID system containing only such data and features, as indicated in Section 3 above, to validly establish the identity of the card holder;
- b. Enter into agreements with local governments, through their respective leagues of governors or mayors, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and with other branches or instrumentalities of the government, for the purpose of ensuring government-wide adoption of and support to this effort to streamline the ID systems in government;
- c. Call on any other government agency or institution, or create sub-committees or technical working groups, to provide such assistance as may be necessary or required for the effective performance of its functions; and
- d. Promulgate such rules or regulations as may be necessary in pursuance of the objectives of this executive order.

Section 6. Safeguards. – The Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority, and the pertinent agencies shall adopt such safeguards as may be necessary and adequate to ensure that the right to privacy of an individual takes precedence over efficient public service delivery. Such safeguards shall, as a minimum, include the following:

- a. The data to be recorded and stored, which shall be used only for purposes of establishing the identity of a person, shall be limited to those specified in Section 3 of this executive order;
- b. In no case shall the collection or compilation of other data in violation of a person's right to privacy shall be allowed or tolerated under this order;
- c. Stringent systems of access control to data in the identification system shall be instituted;
- d. Data collected and stored for this purpose shall be kept and treated as strictly confidential and a personal or written authorization of the Owner shall be required for access and disclosure of data;
- e. The identification card to be issued shall be protected by advanced security features and cryptographic technology; and
- f. A written request by the Owner of the identification card shall be required for any correction or revision of relevant data, or under such conditions as the participating agency issuing the identification card shall prescribe.



Section 7. Funding. – Such funds as may be recommended by the Department of Budget and Management shall be provided to carry out the objectives of this executive order.

Section 8. Repealing clause. – All executive orders or issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this executive order, are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. – This executive order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

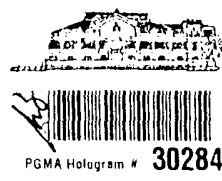
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