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PRESIDENTIAL LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PLLO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT : REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE IN THE FILING AND SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NETWORTH (SALN) AND DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS INTERESTS AND FINANCIAL CONNECTIONS

The submission of Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) is required under Article XI Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution and Section 8 of Republic Act no. 6713, the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees." It is a declaration under oath of the public official/employee, of his or her spouse, and of his or her unmarried children under 18 years old still living in their parents' household of their assets (real and personal properties), liabilities (loans, mortgages, etc.) business interests and financial connections and identification of relatives in the government service.

In view of the above, this Memorandum Circular is hereby issued to establish a review and compliance procedure in the filing and submission of SALN.

COVERAGE :

All PLLO officials and employees *except workers under contract of service (COS)*.

GUIDELINES :

1. ISSUANCE OF ADVISORY

The PLLO Secretary, shall issue a Memorandum ***not later than February 15 of every year***, to remind all PLLO officials and employees of the deadline for the annual submission of SALN as of December 31 of the previous year.

2. FILING AND SUBMISSION OF SALN

- 2.1 Within 30 days after assumption of office, statements of which must be reckoned as of his/her first day of service;
- 2.2 On or before April 30 of every year thereafter, statement of which must be reckoned as of the end of the preceding year; and
- 2.3 Within thirty (30) days after separation from the service, statements of which must be reckoned as of his/her last day of office.

3. PREPARATION OF STATEMENTS

All officials and employees are strictly required to fill in all applicable information and/or make a true and detailed statement of their SALNs, using the latest CSC-prescribed form.

The prescribed form is the one revised as of January 2015 per CSC Resolution No. 1500088 promulgated on January 23, 2015. For reference, attached are the Sample SALN Form and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the SALN from the CSC.

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Assets and/or properties acquired, donated or transferred in the name of the filer for a particular year, but were not declared on his/her SALN for that year, as the same came to his/her knowledge only after he/she filed, corrected and/or submitted his/her SALN, must be declared or reflected in the filer's next or succeeding SALN.

Items not applicable to the filer should be marked "N/A".

4. DUTIES OF THE REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

4.1 To oversee the proper filing and timely submission of the SALN of PLLO officials and employees, as well as the use of the proper form;

4.2 To evaluate the submitted SALN forms and determine whether said statements have been properly accomplished;

SALN is deemed properly accomplished when all applicable information or details required therein are provided by the filer.

4.3 To issue an Order requiring those who have incomplete data in their SALN to correct/supply the desired information and those who did not file/submit their SALNs to comply within ten (10) days from receipt of the said Order.

4.4 To prepare a list of employees in alphabetical order who:

- a. filed their SALNs with complete data;
- b. filed their SALNs with incomplete data;
- c. did not file their SALNs,

and submit the same to the head of agency, copy furnished the Civil Service Commission on or before May 15 of every year.

4.5 To transmit all original copies of the properly accomplished SALNs on or before June 30 of every year or on the date as may be prescribed by the CSC to the appropriate repository agency;

4.6 To render opinion interpreting the provisions on review and compliance procedure in the filing thereof.

5. SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY/ISSUANCE OF A SHOW-CAUSE ORDER

Failure of an official or employee to correct/submit his/her SALN in accordance with the procedure and within the given period shall be ground for disciplinary action. The Head of Office shall issue a show-cause order directing the official or employee concerned to submit his/her comment or counter-affidavit; and if the evidence so warrants, proceed with the conduct of the administrative proceedings pursuant to the 2017 Revised Rules of Administrative Cases in the Civil Service. The offense for failure to file SALN shall be:

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| 1 st offense | - | Suspension for one (1) month and one (1) day to six months |
| 2 nd offense | - | Dismissal from the service |

6. TRANSMITTAL OF ALL SUBMITTED SALNs TO THE CONCERNED AGENCIES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EVERY YEAR

The Review and Compliance Committee shall transmit all original copies of the SALNs received to the official repository agencies on or before June 30 of every year as specified below:

OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES	CONCERNED OFFICES
Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO (Secretary)	Office of the President
Presidential Legislative Assistant (Undersecretary)	Office of the President
Presidential Legislative Liaison Officer III (Assistant Secretary)	Office of the President
Presidential Legislative Liaison Officer II (Director IV)	Office of the President
Head Executive Assistant	Office of the President
All employees occupying salary 24 and below	Civil Service Commission

7. COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE TRANSPARENCY SEAL

In compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 2021-1 dated June 3, 2021 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting Systems (Administrative Order No. 25, s. 2011), provisions in the Guidelines on the Grant of FY 2021 Performance Based Bonus (PBB), requiring the posting of Agency Compliance Procedures of Statements and Financial Disclosures, including the SALN Guidelines, this Guidelines shall be part of the Transparency Seal and shall be posted in the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office Website.

8. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked, cancelled or superseded by a subsequent issuance.



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Frequently Asked Questions¹ on the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN)

BASIC INFORMATION

What is the SALN?

It is the statement of assets, liabilities and net worth, and the disclosure of financial connections or business interests and identification of relatives within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity. Further, it also requires the declarant to name his/her *bilas*, *balae* and *inso* who are in government service.

What is the purpose of the SALN?

To enjoin all public officers and employees to declare and submit an annual true, detailed and sworn statement of their assets, liabilities and net worth, including disclosure of business interests and financial connections, and to declare to the best of their knowledge their relatives in the government service.

Who are required to file the SALN?

All officials and employees of government are required to file the SALN. The government pertains to the national and local governments, including state universities and colleges, and government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCC) and their subsidiaries, with or without original charter.

Who are exempted from filing the SALN Form?

- 1) Those serving in honorary capacity - persons who are working in the government without service credit and without pay.
- 2) Those whose position title is laborer - persons whose work depends on mere physical power to perform ordinary manual labor, and not one engaged in services consisting mainly of work requiring mental skill or business capacity, and involving the exercise of intellectual faculties.
- 3) Those who are casual or temporary workers - persons hired to do work outside what is considered necessary for the usual operations of the employer's business.

When should the SALN be filed?

The SALN should be filed:

- 1) within thirty (30) days after assumption of office, statements of which must be reckoned as of his first day of service;
- 2) on or before April 30 of every year thereafter, statements of which must be reckoned as of the end of the preceding year; or
- 3) within thirty (30) days after separation from the service, statements of which must be reckoned as of his last day of office.

¹ v. March 2019

LEGAL BASES

What law governs the filing of the SALN Form?

Republic Act No. 6713 otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees

What form should be used?

The currently prescribed form is the one revised as of January 2015 per CSC Resolution No. 1500088 promulgated on January 23, 2015.

FEATURES OF THE SALN FORM

What are the important features of the SALN form?

- 1) The SALN form has been made 'user-friendly' so it is easy to fill up.
- 2) Its legal basis is RA No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees) only, because it is the later law compared to RA No. 3019 (Anti-Graft Corrupt Practices Act).
- 3) There is a portion where spouses who are both government employees may indicate whether they are filing jointly or separately.
- 4) In the declaration of real properties, the form requires the exact location of the property.
- 5) The form clarifies that the Assessed Value and the Current Fair Market Value should be based on what is stated in the Tax Declaration of Real Property.
- 6) Several portions of the previous form have been removed like the amount and sources of gross income, amount of personal and family expenses and amount of income taxes paid, all of which were required to be declared under RA No. 3019 (Anti-Graft Corrupt Practices Act).
- 7) The declaration of nature of real properties is no longer required.
- 8) The subcategories (tangible, intangible) under personal properties were removed.
- 9) In the present form, the identification of relatives is required to be 'to the best of my knowledge'. All other declarations are required to be 'true and detailed.'

FILLING-OUT THE SALN FORM

In case declarant spouses are both in the government service, how should they file their SALN jointly?

In case of joint filing, all real and personal properties shall be declared including their respective paraphernal and capital properties, if there are any. After filling out the form, the spouses may reproduce the SALN Form as the number of copies is required, but their signatures should be original in the SALN Form to be submitted to their respective agencies.

If the declarant's spouse is not in the government service, or if the declarant is unmarried, what box should the declarant tick off in the top portion of the SALN referring to joint or separate filing of the SALN Form?

The declarant shall tick off the box marked as "Not applicable."

If my spouse is working in the private sector, is he/she still required to sign my SALN?

Yes, if the spouse is not a public officer or employee, the declarant shall still cause him/her to sign the SALN.

If the declarant was single during the preceding year and got married at the year of the filing of the SALN, what should be his/her status at the time of the filing of the SALN Form?

Declarant would still be single since the SALN Form refers to the preceding year. Hence, his/her properties shall still be declared as his own, and not community property or the property regime agreed upon at the time of marriage.

In the case of uniformed personnel, what should they indicate in the space requiring the position? Is it the rank or the designation?

Uniformed personnel are appointed to rank, thus, they should indicate their rank in the blank space for position.

DECLARATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES

What is the meaning of 'living in declarant's household'?

Actual presence in the residence of the declarant.

Are children who are supported by the declarant but living outside the household due to studies included in the declaration?

Yes, it includes dependent children who are temporarily staying apart from the declarant's household due to studies.

Why do I need to declare the property of my spouse and unmarried children below (18) years of age living in my household?

It is required by RA No. 6713.

What is the basis of requiring the signature of spouse?

The properties of the declarant's spouse are required by law to be disclosed, hence, he/she is required to certify the correctness of such declaration.

If declarant and spouse are separated in fact or legally separated, is the declarant's spouse still required to sign the SALN?

Spouses who are separated in fact or legally separated are still considered husband and wife, hence, the declarant's spouse is still required to sign the SALN Form.

What if the said spouse refuses to sign the declarant's SALN?

The declarant just has to attach an explanation why no signature of spouse is present in the SALN.

What is the assessed value and current fair market value?

For purposes of the SALN, the amounts found in the tax declaration of real properties shall be used as the basis for the declaration.

How are mortgaged properties declared in the SALN?

Mortgaged properties are already under the name of the declarant. Hence, the mortgaged properties shall be declared either under real or personal properties. The acquisition cost to be declared shall be the actual purchase price. However, the declarant should declare the outstanding balance of the mortgage loan as of December 31 of the preceding year under Liabilities.

Should insurance policies be declared in the SALN?

Yes, under personal properties. The amount to be disclosed under acquisition cost shall be the amount already paid.

Should pensions be declared in the SALN?

Pensions received for the year of declaration should be declared as personal property either cash on hand or cash in bank, as the case may be.

Should shares of stock be declared in the SALN?

Yes, shares of stock are personal properties. The acquisition cost shall refer to the amount paid in acquiring the share of stock not the total value thereof as of December 31 of the preceding year.

How are earnings and income from other sources declared?

These shall either form part of the declarant's cash on hand or in bank which shall be determined as of December 31 of the preceding year.

How do we declare inherited properties?

Inherited properties are transferred to the heirs by operation of law. Hence, even without a transfer of the property under the name of the declarant, the latter shall declare his/her share in the inherited properties as his/her assets. For the acquisition cost, the declarant shall state zero (0). For real properties inherited, the declarant is required to provide the assessed value and current fair market value found in the tax declaration of the real properties concerned.

Do we have to declare minimal valued properties?

Yes, the law does not distinguish.

How do we declare minimal valued properties?

The declarant may declare minimal valued properties collectively, according to the nature/kind of the personal property like books; and the declarant may use "various years" as year acquired.

Is it not burdensome on the part of the declarant to declare all personal properties?

No, because properties of minimal value or with the same kind/nature may be declared in group/bulk.

Is there a ceiling on the price of property that we declare?

R.A. No. 6713 does not provide for a ceiling on properties to be declared.

DECLARATION OF LIABILITIES

How should credit card liabilities be declared?

The outstanding balance as of December 31 of the preceding year shall be declared.

Do we need to declare personal loans and the names of the creditors?

Yes, it shall be declared under liabilities.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

How do I distinguish between financial connection and business interest?

Business interests refer to declarant's existing interest in any business enterprise or entity, aside from his/her income from government while financial connections refer to declarant's existing connections with any business enterprise or entity, whether as a consultant, adviser and the like, with an expectation of remuneration for services rendered.

RELATIVES BY AFFINITY, CONSANGUINITY PLUS INSO, BALAE AND BILAS

What is the extent of the fourth civil degree of affinity and consanguinity?

Relatives in the first degree of consanguinity include the declarant's father, mother, son and daughter. Relatives in the first degree of affinity include the declarant's father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Relatives in the second degree of consanguinity include the declarant's brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson and granddaughter. Relatives in the second degree of affinity include the declarant's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandmother-in-law, grandfather-in-law, granddaughter-in-law and grandson-in-law.

Relatives in the third degree of consanguinity include the declarant's nephew, niece, uncle and aunt. Relatives in the third degree of affinity include declarant's nephew-in-law, niece-in-law, uncle-in-law, auntie-in-law.

Relatives in the fourth degree of consanguinity include the declarant's first cousin.

Why do I need to declare Inso, Balae and Bilas?

It is required by the implementing rules of RA No. 6713, and it is included in the definition of relatives in the government under RA No. 6713.

SIGNATURE; OATH

Who are persons authorized to administer oath?

For SALN purposes, the head of agency has the authority to administer oath. However, the head of agency is allowed to delegate such authority provided the delegation of authority is put into writing.

Can a declarant take his/her oath before other persons authorized to administer oath such as notary public?

Yes.

ISSUES PERTAINING TO AUTHORITY OF OMBUDSMAN AND OTHER AGENCIES

What is the extent of authority given to the Ombudsman by virtue of the authorization executed together with the SALN?

The Ombudsman is authorized to obtain and secure from all appropriate government agencies, including the Bureau of Internal Revenue such documents that may show the declarant's assets, liabilities, net worth, business interests and financial connections.

Can the Office of the Ombudsman look into my bank accounts in private banks by virtue of the authorization in the SALN?

No, the authorization refers only to government agencies.

How about government banks which may be considered as "appropriate government agencies", are they also covered by the authority given to the Ombudsman?

No, banks, whether government or not, are covered by a special law (Secrecy of Bank Deposit Act [RA No. 1405]), hence, they are not included in the authorization.

Can the public request for a copy of the SALN Form of a government official/employee?

Yes, as long as they comply with the rules governing access to SALNs provided by the repository agencies.

LIST OF REPOSITORY AGENCIES²

The Chief/Head of the Personnel/Administrative Division or Unit/Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) shall transmit all original copies of the SALNs received, on or before June 30 of every year, to the concerned offices, as specified below:

REPOSITORY AGENCY ²	OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
National Office of the Ombudsman	President; Vice President; Constitutional Officials – Chairpersons of Commission on Audit (COA), Commission on Election (COMELEC) and Civil Service Commission (CSC) – Commissioners of COA, COMELEC and CSC – Ombudsman and his Deputies
Secretary of the Senate	Senators
Secretary of the House of Representatives	Representatives (Congressmen/Congresswomen)
Clerk of Court of the Supreme Court	Justices of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and Court of Tax Appeals

² Updated per CSC Resolution No. 1500088 promulgated on January 23, 2015

Court Administrator	Judges of the Regional Trial Court, Metropolitan Trial Court, Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Municipal Trial Court, Municipal Circuit Trial Court, and Shari'a District Courts
Office of the President	<p>National executive officials, including, but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Members of the Cabinet</i> - <i>Undersecretaries</i> - <i>Assistant Secretaries</i> - <i>Officials in the Foreign Service</i> - <i>Heads of government owned or controlled corporations with original charters and their subsidiaries</i> - <i>Heads of state colleges and universities</i> <p>Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines from the rank of Colonel or Naval Captain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Colonel, Brigadier General, Major General, Lieutenant General and General (Army and Air Force)</i> - <i>Captain, Commodore, Rear Admiral, Vice Admiral and Admiral (Navy)</i> <p>Officers of the Philippine National Police from the rank of Senior Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Chief Superintendent, Director, Deputy Director General and Director General</i> <p>Officers of the Philippine Coast Guard from the rank of Commodore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Commodore, Rear Admiral, Vice Admiral and Admiral</i>
Deputy Ombudsman in their respective region (Luzon, Visayas or Mindanao)	<p>Regional officials and employees of the following offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departments, bureaus and agencies of the National Government</i> - <i>Judiciary and Constitutional Commissions and offices</i> - <i>Government owned and/or controlled corporations with and without original charter, and their subsidiaries in the regions</i> - <i>State colleges and universities</i> <p>Provincial elective officials and employees including Governors, Vice-Governors and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members;</p> <p>City and municipal elective officials and employees including Mayors, Vice-Mayors, Sangguniang Bayan/ Panlungsod Members and Barangay Officials;</p> <p>Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) below the rank of colonel or naval captain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant (Army and Air Force)</i> - <i>Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant Senior Grade, Lieutenant Junior Grade and Ensign (Navy)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Other enlisted officers</i> <p>Officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) below the rank of Senior Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Superintendent, Chief Inspector, Senior Inspector and Inspector</i> - <i>Other police officers</i> <p>Officers of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) below the rank of Commodore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Captain, Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant, Lieutenant Junior Grade and Ensign</i>
Civil Service Commission	<p>All other officials and employees in the central/main/national offices of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departments, bureaus and agencies of the National Government</i> - <i>Judiciary and Constitutional Commissions and offices</i> - <i>Government owned and/or controlled corporations with and without original charters, and their subsidiaries in the regions</i> <p>All other appointive officials and employees of the Legislature;</p> <p>All civilian personnel of the AFP;</p> <p>All other central officers (uniformed personnel) below the rank of Senior Superintendent as well as all non-uniformed personnel of the PNP;</p> <p>All other central officers below the rank of Commodore as well as all civilian personnel of the PCG</p>

SWORN STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

As of _____

(Required by R.A. 6713)

Note: Husband and wife who are both public officials and employees may file the required statements jointly or separately.

Joint Filing
 Separate Filing
 Not Applicable

DECLARANT: _____ (Family Name) (First Name) (M.I.) ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ SPOUSE: _____ (Family Name) (First Name) (M.I.)	POSITION: _____ AGENCY/OFFICE: _____ OFFICE ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ POSITION: _____ AGENCY/OFFICE: _____ OFFICE ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____
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UNMARRIED CHILDREN BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE LIVING IN DECLARANT'S HOUSEHOLD

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NETWORTH

(Including those of the spouse and unmarried children below eighteen (18) years of age living in declarant's household)

1. ASSETS

a. Real Properties*

DESCRIPTION <small>(e.g. lot, house and lot, condominium and improvements)</small>	KIND <small>(e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and mixed use)</small>	EXACT LOCATION	ASSESSED VALUE	CURRENT FAIR MARKET VALUE	ACQUISITION		ACQUISITION COST
			<small>(As found in the Tax Declaration of Real Property)</small>		YEAR	MODE	

Subtotal: _____

b. Personal Properties*

DESCRIPTION	YEAR ACQUIRED	ACQUISITION COST/AMOUNT

Subtotal : _____

TOTAL ASSETS (a+b): _____

* Additional sheet/s may be used, if necessary.

2. LIABILITIES*

NATURE	NAME OF CREDITORS	OUTSTANDING BALANCE

TOTAL LIABILITIES: _____

NET WORTH : Total Assets less Total Liabilities = _____

* Additional sheet/s may be used, if necessary.

BUSINESS INTERESTS AND FINANCIAL CONNECTIONS

(of Declarant /Declarant's spouse/ Unmarried Children Below Eighteen (18) years of Age Living in Declarant's Household)

I/ We do not have any business interest or financial connection.

NAME OF ENTITY/BUSINESS ENTERPRISE	BUSINESS ADDRESS	NATURE OF BUSINESS INTEREST &/OR FINANCIAL CONNECTION	DATE OF ACQUISITION OF INTEREST OR CONNECTION

RELATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Within the Fourth Degree of Consanguinity or Affinity. Include also Bilas, Balae and Inso)

I/ We do not know of any relative/s in the government service)

NAME OF RELATIVE	RELATIONSHIP	POSITION	NAME OF AGENCY/OFFICE AND ADDRESS

I hereby certify that these are true and correct statements of my assets, liabilities, net worth, business interests and financial connections, including those of my spouse and unmarried children below eighteen (18) years of age living in my household, and that to the best of my knowledge, the above- enumerated are names of my relatives in the government within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

I hereby authorize the Ombudsman or his/her duly authorized representative to obtain and secure from all appropriate government agencies, including the Bureau of Internal Revenue such documents that may show my assets, liabilities, net worth, business interests and financial connections, to include those of my spouse and unmarried children below 18 years of age living with me in my household covering previous years to include the year I first assumed office in government.

Date: _____

(Signature of Declarant)

(Signature of Co-Declarant/ Spouse)

Government Issued ID: _____

ID No.: _____

Date Issued: _____

Government Issued ID: _____

ID No.: _____

Date Issued: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ___ day of _____, affiant exhibiting to me the above-stated government issued identification card.

(Person Administering Oath)