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**APPLICATION FOR AVAILMENT OF AWARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR
OVERSEAS FILIPINO CENTENARIANS UNDER R.A. 10868**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME AS WRITTEN ON PHILIPPINE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR REPORT OF BIRTH

1a. LAST NAME

1b. FIRST NAME

1c. MIDDLE NAME

2. ARE YOU USING A DIFFERENT NAME? YES NO
IF YES, INDICATE NAME CURRENTLY USED

2a. LAST NAME

2c. MIDDLE NAME

2b. FIRST NAME

2d. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR CHANGE OF NAME

3. DATE OF BIRTH
(day/ month/ year)

4. PERMANENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE/DOMICILE IN THE PHILIPPINES

House No.	Street	Barangay	Town	Province
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6. CIVIL STATUS

7. HEIGHT (m)

8. WEIGHT (kg)

FAMILY INFORMATION	
9a. NAME OF SPOUSE (last name, first name, full middle name)	9b. CITIZENSHIP OF SPOUSE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION
10a. NAME OF APPLICANT'S FATHER	10b. FATHER'S CITIZENSHIP AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION
11a. NAME OF APPLICANT'S MOTHER	11b. MOTHER'S CITIZENSHIP AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION
12. HOW PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP WAS INITIALLY ACQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTION <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHERS (specify)	
13a. APPLICANT'S CURRENT FOREIGN CITIZENSHIPS (specify all)	13b. MODE OF ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN CITIZENSHIPS (specify all)
14a. DATE OF ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN CITIZENSHIPS (day/ month/ year)	14b. NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE NUMBERS
15a. FOREIGN PASSPORT NO. / FOREIGN GOV'T ISSUED ID NO.	15b. DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUANCE OF ID (day/ month/ year)
16. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED	
Primary (choose 1 only) <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Philippine Passport <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate	Secondary (in the absence of a primary ID, choose 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal or Confirmation Records <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Cert. of Children <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits of 2 disinterested persons <input type="checkbox"/> Old School/Employment Records
17. ADDRESS IN COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (house no., street, town or city, state, country, postal zone) House Number Street Town City State	

18. TEL. NO/ FAX NO:	19. E-MAIL ADDRESS:	20. PRESENT OCCUPATION:
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION		
21. LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT:		
22. EMPLOYER ADDRESS:		
Further to my application, I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form.		
Signature of applicant (or thumbmark)		Date:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify under oath that all the information in this application for the availment of the Award and Incentives for Overseas Centenarian Filipinos, composed of three pages, including the page on which this certification is written, are true and correct. I further warrant that I have complied with all the requirements, and that I have presented certified true copies of documents issued under the official seal of the officer having legal custody of the originals in the Philippines, and in case of foreign documents, with their official translation into English duly authenticated by the Consulate/Embassy official of the Foreign Service of the Philippines in the issuing country. I understand that my application shall not be processed if any statement herein made is found to be false, if any document I submit is found to have been falsified, or if I fail to comply with all the requirements of the Consulate/Embassy with respect to my Application, without prejudice to whatever action(s) the Consulate/Embassy shall take in accordance with applicable laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (or thumbmark) _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____, the affiant exhibited to me his/her passport identification no. _____ issued at _____, on _____.

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Overseas Filipino Centenarians under R.A. 10868
and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
(An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino
Centenarians, and For Other Purposes)**

10 **1.0 Purpose**

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12 1.1 To provide guidelines on the availment of awards and incentives for
13 Filipino citizens residing abroad, who have reached one hundred (100)
14 years of age (otherwise known as a *centenarian*) pursuant to the
15 provisions and implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act
16 10868 or An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and
17 Privileges to Filipino Centenarians, and For Other Purposes.
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19 1.2 To ensure uniform interpretation and implementation of the benefits for
20 Overseas Filipino centenarians and ensure the availment of the same
21 ultimately upholds the objectives of the law.

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23 **2.0 Definition of Terms**

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25 2.1 **Cash incentive** – the amount to be awarded by the city or municipality
26 to the centenarian as additional benefit to be determined by the
27 concerned LGU, coursed through the Department of Social Welfare and
28 Development (DSWD) and the Department of Foreign Affairs through its
29 Embassies and Consulates.
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31 2.2 **Centenarians** – All natural born Filipinos, who have reached one
32 hundred (100) years old and above, whether residing in the Philippines
33 or abroad.
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35 2.3 **Centenarian Gift** – the amount of Php 100,000 cash benefit to the
36 centenarian as a gift from the national government.
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38 2.4 **Dual Citizens** – natural born Filipinos permanently residing overseas
39 and as a result of the latter's laws enables them to have concurrent
40 Philippine and foreign citizenship.
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42 2.5 **Identification Document** – refers to any document or proof of being a
43 centenarian that may be used as basis for the availment of the above-
44 mentioned awards and incentives.
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46 2.6 **National Respect for Centenarians Day** – the annual commemoration
47 of centenarian day to be celebrated every first Sunday of October as part
48 of the annual celebration of the Elderly Filipino Week (EFW) from
49 October 1 to 7.
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- 1 2.7 **Natural-born citizens** – Natural-born citizens of the Philippines are
2 those who are citizens of the Philippines from birth without having to
3 perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship.
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5 2.8 **Nearest Surviving Relative** – refers to the closest person related to the
6 deceased centenarian by blood or affinity.
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8 2.9 **Overseas Filipinos** – All natural born Filipinos living and/or working
9 outside the country; including those that have acquired another
10 citizenship and later reacquired Philippine citizenship under RA 9225.
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12 2.10 **Letter of felicitation** – a letter from the President of the Philippines
13 congratulating the celebrant on his or her longevity.
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15 2.11 **Overseas Filipino Centenarians** – All natural born Filipinos living
16 and/or working outside the country who have reached one hundred (100)
17 years old and above.
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19 2.12 **Plaque of recognition** – an award granted to a living overseas
20 centenarian from the city or municipality in the Philippines where he or
21 she had last resided, given through the Philippine Embassy or Philippine
22 Consulate that has jurisdiction over the former.
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24 2.13 **Post** – all Philippine embassies, missions, consulates general and other
25 foreign service establishments maintained by the Department of Foreign
26 Affairs.
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28 2.14 **Posthumous plaque of recognition** – an award given to a deceased
29 centenarian presented to his nearest surviving relative from the national
30 government through the Philippine Embassy or Philippine Consulate.
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32 **3.0 Coverage**

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34 All overseas Filipino citizens (natural-born or with reacquired citizenship) who have
35 reached one hundred years old and above from the time the law was enacted, still
36 residing abroad.
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38 **4.0 Awards and Incentives**

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40 4.1 **National Government.** A centenarian shall receive the following
41 awards and incentives from the national government through the
42 Philippine posts
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44 4.1.1 **Letter of Felicitation** – a Letter of Felicitation signed by the
45 President of the Philippines shall be given to the living
46 centenarian.
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48 4.1.2. **Centenarian Gift-** in addition to the Letter of Felicitation, a one
49 time cash award of Php 100,000.00 shall be given only to the
50 living centenarian in recognition of his or her longevity. The

1 amount of Php 100,000.00 for each centenarian shall be taken
2 from the available funds of the DSWD as included in the annual
3 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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5 4.1.3 **Posthumous Plaque of Recognition-** shall be awarded to the
6 deceased centenarian by the DSWD to be received by the
7 centenarian's nearest surviving relative. They are not eligible to
8 receive the centenarian gift.

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10 4.2 **Local Government.** A living centenarian may also receive the following
11 awards and incentives coursed through the Philippine post from the city
12 or municipality in the Philippines where he or she resided the longest
13 prior to emigration.

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15 4.2.1. **Plaque of recognition-** In addition to the Letter of Felicitation, a
16 Plaque of Recognition shall also be given to the centenarian
17 acknowledging his or her long life.

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19 4.2.2. **Cash Incentive** – Together with the Plaque of Recognition, the
20 city and municipality shall also grant the centenarian a cash
21 incentive in an amount to be determined by the LGU. Due
22 consideration may be given to any local ordinance passed earlier
23 granting a similar cash incentive for centenarians.

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25 4.3 The awards and incentives (both local and national) will only be given
26 once.

27 28 **5.0 Documentary Requirements**

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30 5.1 The centenarian shall submit one (1) duly accomplished
31 application form and present any one (1) of the following primary
32 documentation to prove his / her entitlement:

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34 5.1.1 Authenticated Birth Certificate

35 5.2.2 Unexpired Philippine Passport.

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37 5.2 In the absence of the above-mentioned primary IDs: any two (2)
38 of the following secondary documents may also be accepted:

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40 5.2.1 Marriage Certificate of the centenarian issued by the
41 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) or Philippine Embassy

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43 5.2.2 Birth Certificates of children borne by/of the centenarian

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45 5.2.3 Affidavits executed by at least two (2) disinterested
46 persons with personal knowledge of centenarian's actual
47 age or date of birth

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49 5.2.4 Old School or Employment records showing date of birth
50 of centenarian

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5.2.5 Baptismal and/or Confirmation records of centenarian

5.2.6 Overseas voting card or affidavit

5.2.7 Foreign driver's license

5.2.8 Medical or health card

5.2.9 Any other valid identification documents recognized in the country of residence indicating the year of birth as a reference point for the centenarian's eligibility for the awards and incentives.

5.3 If a representative will file the application in behalf of the centenarian, he/she is required to present the following documents in addition to the usual required documents:

5.3.1 Letter of authorization from the centenarian or if not applicable, medical certificate for bedridden overseas centenarians; and

5.3.2 Original valid identification card with photograph of the proxy.

5.4 In case of the nearest surviving relative claiming in behalf of the deceased centenarian, he/she shall submit the following:

5.4.1 one (1) duly accomplished application form

5.4.2 death certificate of Centenarian (and photocopy)

5.4.3 valid Identification card (and photocopy) of nearest surviving relative

5.4.4 proof of relationship with posthumous centenarian, such as pictures which are to be evaluated or in the absence of which, affidavits executed by at least two (2) disinterested persons with personal knowledge of nearest surviving relative's relationship with the posthumous centenarian

6.0 Rules on the filing of nominations

6.1 Nominations must be made on the prescribed form (see Form 1) and submitted together with the required supporting documents. All submissions must be legibly written in, or translated into English or Filipino.

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The Nomination Form must be completed and should accordingly include all required information.

6.2 Applications should be submitted personally or via mail/courier through the Philippine Embassy or Consulate with jurisdiction in the country/area.

6.3 The Post shall review all nominations, verify compliance with the required documentation, request for additional documents (if needed) and endorse nomination documents to the Commission on Filipinos Overseas.

6.4 The Commission on Filipinos Overseas shall evaluate all applications received from the Posts; compile a folio of qualified applicants and endorse it to the Department of Social Welfare and Development for evaluation.

6.5 The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall review and evaluate the qualified applicants as submitted by the CFO. After deliberation, it shall commence with the processing of the national awards and incentives due the centenarian.

6.6 The DSWD shall coordinate with the Department of Foreign Affairs for the transmittal of Felicitation Letter and Cash Gift from the national government. In the case of deceased centenarians, a Posthumous Plaque of Recognition will only be sent.

6.7. The DSWD shall also endorse the list of qualified centenarians to their respective local government unit for processing of local awards and incentives.

6.8 The concerned city or municipality shall coordinate with the Department of Foreign Affairs for the transmittal of Plaque of Recognition and Cash Incentive from the local governments.

6.9 The DFA shall facilitate, at no cost, the transmittal of both national and local awards and incentives to the Centenarian, or his or her nearest surviving relative, residing within the jurisdiction of the Post.

Posts shall be in charge of awarding both the national and local awards and incentives and may mount a simple celebration to mark the occasion. Posts are also enjoined to publish or report such accomplishments.