



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SMALL BUSINESS WAGE SUBSIDY (SBWS) PROGRAM TASK FORCE

RESOLUTION NO. 3

May 28, 2020

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE SBWS PAYOUT PERIODS

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, in the interest of equity and affording eligible employees ample time to claim their wage subsidy under the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) Program, the SBWS Program Task Force (SPTF) recommended to the Secretary of Finance, the extension of the payout periods, with the First Tranche payable from April 29 to May 31, 2020, and the Second Tranche payable from May 16 to June 15, 2020. The Secretary approved the SPTF Resolution No. 1 on May 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, Item VI (7) of Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 001-2020 or the "Guidelines for the Availment of the Small Business Wage Subsidy Program", as amended by JMC No. 002-2020 dated May 17, 2020, allows the Secretary of Finance, upon recommendation of the SPTF, to extend the payout periods for the Program;

WHEREAS, in properly paying out eligible employees, it is vital that the small business employers be able to provide the correct account numbers of their eligible employees for the chosen pay-out method, and to be able to do this, the Social Security System (SSS) must notify the employers of the corrections to be made upon receipt of the return files from the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP);

WHEREAS, pay-out banks, despite requests from the SPTF and intervention of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), have not complied with the agreed deadlines to submit return files to DBP, which has resulted in (1) delays in notifying employers of the corrections to be made, and having them actually make the corrections, and (2) extensions of the internal deadlines for paying out the First and Second Tranches even beyond the deadlines set in SPTF Resolution No. 1;

WHEREAS, according to Item I and Item IV of JMC No. 001-2020, as amended, "employees who have received a subsidy from DOLE's CAMP and other similar programs may be eligible for the SBWS, but the wage subsidy for the second tranche under the SBWS shall be net of any amount received under the said program";

WHEREAS, to determine duplication and validate the SBWS beneficiaries list, cross-matching, and deduplication processes were conducted;

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WHEREAS, due to incorrect submissions by employers and other data limitations, there may be instances where the names of beneficiaries are not 100% matches, thus, the resulting incorrect tagging of the employee as CAMP beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, this fact may only be discovered after the last day of the second tranche payout when SBWS beneficiaries receive their second tranche SBWS net of the CAMP subsidy amount, or receive no second tranche SBWS at all;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that those who were incorrectly tagged as CAMP recipients be given the opportunity to appeal through the SBWS-CAMP Grievance Mechanism, and rightfully receive their SBWS second tranche payout;

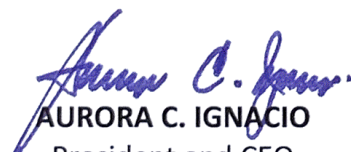
WHEREAS, some eligible employees may be deprived of the SBWS due to circumstances not of their own fault, including instances when the employer submission of applications were within the deadline but were not immediately processed due to technical limitations, and other similar cases;


WHEREAS, since it is not the intent of the SBWS Program to exclude otherwise qualified beneficiaries from receiving the SBWS, an appeals mechanism is set-up as a means to address these circumstances and allow the SBWS payout of these employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the SBWS Program Task Force **recommends** to the Secretary of Finance the further extension of the payout periods as follows:

Tranche	Original payout period	Extension per SPTF Resolution No. 1	Payout	New payout deadline
1	April 29 to May 15, 2020	May 31, 2020	Regular	June 19, 2020
2	May 16 to May 31, 2020	June 15, 2020	Regular	June 19, 2020
			Payout as a result of the SBWS-CAMP Grievance and SBWS Appeals	June 25, 2020


APPROVED by the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) Program Task Force, on the 28th day of May, 2020.


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