

# **EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT of 2010**

Republic Act No. 9994



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# Outline of the Seminar

1. Why is RA 9994 Important? (Sec. 2 [State Policies] and IRR Rule II)
2. Definition of terms
3. What are the Privileges of Senior Citizens? (Sec. 4)
4. Government Assistance (Sec. 5, IRR Rule V)
5. Other important details

# Why is R.A. No. 9994 important?

It is the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life.



## Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution

- State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.



# OBJECTIVES OF R.A. No. 9994

To recognize the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society and make it a concern of the family, community, and government.

To give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society, considering that senior citizens are integral part of Philippine society.

To motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building.

# OBJECTIVES OF R.A. No. 9994

To encourage their families and the communities they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino tradition of caring for the senior citizens.

To provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for disabled senior citizens to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful and productive ageing.

To recognize the important role of the private sector in the improvement of the welfare of senior citizens and to actively seek their partnership.

# This Act shall:

1. Establish mechanisms to maximize the contributions of Senior Citizens;
2. Adopt measures to assist and appreciate Senior Citizens by the community as a whole;
3. Establish a program beneficial to Senior Citizens, their families, and the rest of the community they serve;
4. Establish community-based health and rehabilitation programs for Senior Citizens in every political unit of society.





# Definition of Terms

## WHO ARE SENIOR CITIZENS?

- ✓ Filipino Citizen
- ✓ Resident of the Philippines
- ✓ 60 years old and above



- WHO IS A BENEFACTOR?
- WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN'S CARD?
- WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN'S IDENTIFICATION CARD?
- WHAT ARE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES?



- WHAT IS OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS?
- WHAT ARE BASIC NECESSITIES?
- WHAT IS AN INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN?



# WHAT ARE THE PRIVILEGES OF SENIOR CITIZENS?



# 1. What are the Privileges of Senior Citizens? (Sec. 4)

- a. IRR Rule IV: OSA-issued Senior Citizen's ID, 20% discount, medical-related, domestic transportation, hotels, restaurants, recreation, admission fees, funeral and burial, medical and dental services, vaccination, educational.
- b. Utility discounts (IRR Art. 12).



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

## **20% DISCOUNT AND VAT-EXEMPTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1.MEDICAL\_RELATED PRIVILEGES
- 2.DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES
- 3.HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL CENTERS, AND PLACES OF LEISURES, AND FUNERAL SERVICES
- 4.RECREATION CENTERS
- 5.ADMISSION FEES PRIVILEGE
- 6.FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES
- 7.CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES**

## Medicine and Drug Purchases

- ✓ Apply to generic or branded medicines
- ✓ Purchase of vitamins and mineral supplements which are medically prescribed by an attending physician for prevention and treatment of diseases, illness, or injury.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES**

Essential Medical Supplies, Accessories and Equipment

- ✓ Apply to the purchase of eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prosthetics, artificial bone replacements like steel, walkers, crutches, wheelchairs whether manual or electric-powered, canes/quad canes, geriatric diapers, and other essential medical supplies, accessories and equipment by or for senior citizens.





# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES**

Medical and Dental Services in the Private Facilities

- ✓ X-Rays
- ✓ Computerized Tomography Scans
- ✓ Blood Tests

That are requested by a physician as necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of an illness or injury.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES**

Professional Fees of Attending Physicians

- ✓ Private Hospitals
- ✓ Medical Facilities
- ✓ Outpatient Clinics
- ✓ Home Health Care Facilities



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**MEDICAL RELATED SERVICES**

Professional Fees of Licensed Health Workers Providing Home Health Care Services

- ✓ As endorsed by private hospitals or employed through home health care employment agencies.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES**

- ✓ AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES – Fare for domestic air, and sea travel, including advanced booking.
- ✓ PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES – Fare in the public railways including LRT, MRT, and PNR, fares in buses (PUB), jeepneys (PUJ), taxi and shuttle services (AUV), are likewise subject to the same discounts, if applicable



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL CENTERS,  
AND PLACES OF LEISURES, AND FUNERAL SERVICES**

## Hotel and Similar Lodging Establishments

- ✓ Room Accommodation
- ✓ Hotel-based parlors and barbershops
- ✓ Restaurants
- ✓ Massage Parlor and Spas
- ✓ Etc.

The term “hotel” shall include beach and mountain resorts.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**RECREATION CENTERS**

The discount shall be for the utilization of services in the form of fees, charges and rental for sport facilities or equipment, including golfcart rentals and green fees, or venues for ballroom dancing, yoga, badminton courts, bowling lanes, table or lawn tennis, workout gyms, martial arts facilities.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**RECREATION CENTERS**

Non-profit, stock golf and country clubs which are not open to the general public, and are private and for exclusive membership only as duly proven by their official Securities and Exchange (SEC) registration papers, are not mandated to give the 20% senior citizens discount.

However, should restaurants and food establishments inside these country clubs be independent concessionaires and food sold are not consumable items under club membership dues, they must grant the 20% senior citizen discount.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**ADMISSION FEES**

- ✓ Theaters, Cinema Houses and Concert Halls, Circuses, Carnivals, and other similar places of culture, leisure, and amusement such as museums and parks.





# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

Twenty Percent (20%) Discount and VAT Exemption on:  
**FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES**

The beneficiary or any person who shall shoulder the funeral and burial expenses of the deceased senior citizen, shall claim the discount under this Rule for the deceased senior citizen upon presentation of the death certificate. Such expenses shall cover the purchase of casket or urn, embalming, hospital morgue, transport of the body to intended burial site in the place of origin, but shall exclude obituary publication and the cost of the memorial lot.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

## UTILITY DISCOUNTS

### Section 1. Five (5%) Discount

- ✓ Water Bill – not more than thirty (30) cubic meters
- ✓ Electricity Bill – not more than one hundred (100) kilowatt hours



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

## UTILITY DISCOUNTS

Fifty (50%) Discount:

- ✓ All electricity, water, telephone consumption for DSWD-accredited Senior Citizens Centers and Residential Care Institutions or Group Homes that are government-run or organized and operated by non-stock, non-profit domestic corporations.
- ✓ Abandoned, neglected, unattached or homeless senior citizens.
- ✓ In operation for at least six (6) months and must have a separate meter for said utilities/services.



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

## OTHER PRIVILEGES

- 1)Income Tax Exemption
- 2)Exemption from Training Fees
- 3)Free Medical and Dental Services in Government Facilities (FREE)
- 4)Free Vaccination for Indigent Senior Citizens
- 5)Educational Privileges



# PRIVILEGES OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

## NO DOUBLE DISCOUNT

In the purchase of goods and services which are on promotional discount, the senior citizen can avail of the establishment's offered discount or the 20% discount provided herein, whichever is higher and more favorable.

In cases where the senior citizen is also a person with disability (PWD) entitled to a 20% discount under his/her valid PWD ID, the senior citizen shall use either his/her OSCA-issued ID card or PWD ID card to avail of the 20% discount.



# GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

(Sec. 5, R.A. No. 9994 and IRR Rule V)



# EMPLOYMENT

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Right to have information and be matched to services



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# SOCIAL SERVICES

- DSWD, OSCA, NGOs:
  - ✓ Opportunities for socializing
  - ✓ After care services from home for the aged
  - ✓ Neighborhood support for family caregivers



# SOCIAL SERVICES

- DSWD, OSCA, NGOs:
- ✓ For neglected/homeless senior citizens: substitute family care/ group homes/ foster homes
- ✓ Can be provided by schools as part of their training



# HOUSING

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- HDMF (Pag-Ibig)
- ✓ Not more than 65 years old at the date of loan application
- ✓ Not more than 70 years old at the date of loan maturity



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#### REMINDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING BORROWERS

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#### Eligibility

#### Loan Purpose

#### Requirements

#### By Loan Purpose

#### Modes of Payment

#### Collaterals & Limitations

#### Advisory

- ☒ Active member with least **24 months savings**
- ☒ **Not more than 65 years old** at the date of loan application and is **not more than 70 years old** at the date of loan maturity
- ☒ **Legal capacity to acquire** and **encumber real property**
- ☒ **No Pag-IBIG housing loan** foreclosed, cancelled, bought back, or voluntarily surrendered
- ☒ **If with existing Pag-IBIG Housing account or Short Term Loan (STL)**, payments must be updated

# HOUSING

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- For the neglected, abused, unattached, homeless, incapable
- ✓ SSS, GSIS, HDMF, and Land Bank (LBP) are hereby directed to develop innovative financing/lending schemes for housing of poor aged and disabled persons (E.O. No. 105, series of 2002)



# PUBLIC TRANSPORT


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- Courtesy Space/Senior Citizen Seats
  - Lower stepping boards
  - Discounted fares



# SOCIAL PENSION FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN

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Indigent senior citizens shall be entitled to a monthly stipend amounting to Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) to augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens.

The Social Pension for indigent senior citizens is an additional government assistance mandated under Republic Act 9994 otherwise known as "The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010"

**OBJECTIVE** To augment the daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens

**COVERAGE** The Social Pension for indigent senior citizens is implemented in all regions including Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Frail, sickly or with disability
- Without pension from SSS, GSIS, or from any sources of pension in government and private agencies
- Without permanent source of income, compensation or financial assistance from relatives to support basic needs

**REQUIREMENTS**

The senior citizen or his/her relative shall submit either a photo copy of any valid ID (indicating the birth date of the qualified beneficiary) or birth certificate of the senior citizen to the nearest Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) or City/ Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (C/MSWDO)

BENEFITS	SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT	DELIVERY SCHEMES
<b>P500</b>	SEMESTRAL AT <b>P3,000</b>	DSWD-led Payout

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- P500.00/month with Disability
- Frail/Sick with Disability
- 60 years old and above
- Indigent Senior Citizen
- Without pension or permanent source of income or regular support from family

# MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE

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- Under Section 5 of R.A. No. 10645 the annual premium contributions shall be borne by the National Government if:
  - ✓ Not currently covered by any existing (membership) category of PhilHealth
  - ✓ Must not have a regular source of income

## Senior citizens are automatic members of PhilHealth



In line with the recent observance of the Filipino Elderly Week, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) have again reminded Filipinos 60 years old and above that they are mandatorily covered under the National Health Insurance Program pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 10645, and as reiterated under RA 11223 or the Universal Health Care Law of 2019.

adding that "qualified senior citizens should only submit two duly accomplished PhilHealth Member Registration Form (PMRF) to the OSCA where they reside and await notification if their Member Data Record is already sent by PhilHealth."

If a senior citizen opts to register at any PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office, they must also present and submit a copy of their Senior Citizens' ID or any proof of age together



# DSWD Death Benefit and Burial Assistance

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Up to P10,000 Burial Assistance to be given to eligible indigent families to help cover funeral costs –

## **Requirements include:**

- ✓ Funeral Agreement
- ✓ Certificate of Registered Death
- ✓ Transfer permission/Health clearance (for transfer of cadaver)
- ✓ Letter of Referral (if applicable)
- ✓ Certificate of Indigence from the Client's Barangay
- ✓ Any legitimate client ID



# DSWD Death Benefit and Burial Assistance

Up to P10,000 death benefit shall be given to the nearest relative who took care of the deceased senior citizen before he died –

**Requirements include:**

- ✓ Senior Citizen ID of the deceased
- ✓ Death Certificate

# DSWD Death Benefit and Burial Assistance

HOTLINE:

**0943 464 8026 or 0932 933 3251**



# OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS



# Functions of OSCA

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- ✓ In consultation with the City or Municipal Social Work and Development Officer and duly registered senior citizen organizations, to plan, develop, implement, consolidate, and monitor yearly work programs in pursuance of the objectives of the Act and its Rules;
- ✓ To draw up a list of available and required services which can be provided by the registered federations and associations of senior citizens;



# Functions of OSCA

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- ✓ To maintain and regularly update on a quarterly basis the list of senior citizens and to issue national uniform individual identification cards and purchase booklets, free of charge, which shall be valid anywhere in the country;
- ✓ To serve as a general information and liaison center the needs of the senior citizens;



# Functions of OSCA

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- ✓ To monitor compliance of the provisions of the Act and its Rules particularly the grant of special discounts and privileges to senior citizens;
- ✓ To report to the Mayor, any person, natural or judicial; establishments, business, entity, institution or agency found violating any provision of the Act and its Rules;



# Functions of OSCA

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- ✓ To facilitate the creation of a city or municipality coordinating and monitoring board consisting of OSCA Head, the City or Municipal Social Work and Development Officer and the presidents of concerned duly registered senior citizens organizations to deliberate and act on the complaints;
- ✓ To assist senior citizens in filling complaints or charges against any person, natural or judicial; establishment, institution, or agency refusing to comply with the privileges;





# Functions of OSCA

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- ✓ To assist and coordinate with the concerned person, natural or judicial, establishment, institution or agency in investigating fraudulent practices and abuses of the discount and privileges exclusively granted to senior citizens ; and
- ✓ To establish linkages and work together with the accredited NGOs, people's organizations, and the barangays in their respective areas.



# PENALTIES:

**Section 1.** For the first violation, a fine of not less than Fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) but not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00) and imprisonment for not less than two (2) years but not more than six (6) years; and



# PENALTIES:

**Section 2.** For any subsequent violation, a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00) but not exceeding Two hundred thousand pesos (Php 200,000.00) and imprisonment for not less than two (2) years but not more than six (6) years.



# PENALTIES:

**Section 3.** Any person who abuses the privileges granted herein shall be punished with a fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) but not more than One hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months.



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THANK YOU

