



DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE- PHILIPPINE VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE

JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 2010-1

April 1, 2010

**FOR :** Officials of the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of National Defense - Philippine Veterans Affairs Office and All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Guidelines on the Payment of the Total Administrative Disability Pension in Compliance with the President's Veto Message Incorporated under R.A. No. 9970 (the FY 2010 General Appropriations Act)

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Second paragraph of Special Provision No. 1(a) of Item XLVI – Pension and Gratuity Fund, R.A. No. 9970 provides among others, that of the amount appropriated under the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), P170,000,000 shall be used to pay Total Administrative Disability (TAD) pension for World War II veterans, priority of which shall be given to veterans who are 80 years old and above.
- 1.2 The aforecited provision, being a Congressional Initiative, was subject to the President's Veto, specifically Item K.6 of her Veto Message incorporated under R.A. No. 9970, which states that the payment of TAD pension under the aforecited Special Provision should be prospective and limited to surviving World War II veterans, further stating that the DBM and PVAO should accordingly issue the joint guidelines for the purpose.

## 2.0 PURPOSE

This Joint Circular is being issued to provide the guidelines and procedures on the payment of TAD pension consistent with the requirements of the President's Veto Message under R.A. No. 9970.

## 3.0 COVERAGE

The payment of TAD pension should be limited only to the 30,273 surviving World War II veterans who are 80 years old and above, as certified by the PVAO.

## 4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 4.1 The amount appropriated for the TAD pension shall be equitably allocated among the surviving World War II veterans. Considering the amount provided in the FY 2010 General Appropriations Act, the World War II veterans shall be entitled to a pension benefit of SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (P700.00) per month effective April, 2010.



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- 4.2 PVAO shall submit to DBM a request for the release of funds for the payment of TAD pension to the 30,273 surviving World War II veterans, duly supported with the Monthly Cash Program.
- 4.3 DBM shall issue the SARO for the TAD pension chargeable against the Pension and Gratuity Fund (PGF). The amount to be released shall be equivalent to the April – December TAD requirements for the surviving World War II veterans. The corresponding NCA shall likewise be released comprehensively, with the April and May NCA requirements already programmed on the first month. PVAO shall continuously update the list of surviving World War II veterans taking into consideration any decrease in their number, copy furnished DBM. This information shall serve as basis for DBM to adjust the amount required for TAD pension.
- 4.4 Upon receipt of the SARO/NCA for the purpose, PVAO shall immediately pay the April and May TAD pensions due each of the surviving World War II veterans within ten (10) days from receipt thereof. Subsequently, the monthly TAD pension of P700.00 shall be credited to the account of these World War II veterans together with their old age pension.
- 4.5 PVAO shall be responsible in properly notifying the veterans concerned on any matter relative to the payment of TAD pension.

## **5.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CONCERNED**

Officials/employees concerned who have caused/authorized the payment of TAD pension not in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 6948 (as amended by R.A. No. 7696) and R.A. No. 9970, and the guidelines set forth in this Joint Circular, shall be jointly and severally held responsible and liable for such action, without prejudice to the refund of any excess payment received by the veterans concerned.

## **6.0 GOVERNING CLAUSE**

Issues arising from the implementation of this Joint Circular shall be resolved jointly by DBM and PVAO.

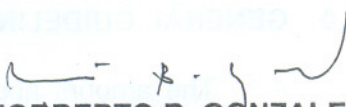
## **7.0 EFFECTIVITY**

This Joint Circular shall take effect immediately. Payment of TAD pension shall be effective April 1, 2010.

  
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