



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
GENERAL SOLANO STREET, SAN MIGUEL, MANILA

NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR

No. 590-A
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For : All Heads of Departments / Agencies / State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Other Offices of the National Government, including Commissions / Offices under the Constitutional Fiscal Autonomy Group (CFAG); Government-owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) receiving budgetary support from the National Government; Budget Officers; Heads of Accounting Units; and All Others Concerned

Subject : **AMENDING ITEM 3.3 OF NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 590 DATED JANUARY 3, 2023 ON THE GUIDELINES ON THE VALIDITY OF UNPROGRAMMED APPROPRIATIONS**

1.0 PURPOSES

This Circular is issued to amend item 3.3 of National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 590 dated January 3, 2023 pertaining to the validity of funds under the Unprogrammed Appropriations (UA) of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA), Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11936.

2.0 LEGAL BASIS

Section 70, General Provisions (GP 70) of R.A. No. 11936 or the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA) expressly provides that all authorized appropriations under the FY 2023 GAA shall be released, obligated, and disbursed as follows:

Sec. 70. Cash Budgeting System. All appropriations authorized in this Act, including budgetary support to GOCCs and financial assistance to LGUs, shall be **available for release and obligation for the purpose**

specified, and under the same general and special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2024, except for personnel services which shall be available for release, obligation and disbursement until December 31, 2023. On the other hand, appropriations for the statutory shares of LGUs shall be available for obligation and disbursement until fully expended.

The construction of infrastructure projects, delivery of goods and services, inspection, and payment of infrastructure capital outlays, MOOE and other capital outlays, including those subsidy releases to GOCCs for MOOE and capital outlays, **shall be made not later than December 31, 2024.** *(emphasis supplied)*

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GP 70 does not specifically limit its application to programmed appropriations. Rather, the said GP covers all appropriations authorized in the GAA, which include programmed appropriations and the UA.

However, in view of the very nature of the UA funding sources (i.e., excess collections, new revenues, and approved loans which necessarily pertain to 2023 only), it is imperative that the funds covering the FY 2023 UA shall be **available for release until December 31, 2023 only.**

On the other hand, the funds released covering the FY 2023 UA shall be **available for obligation and disbursement until December 31, 2024, with exception on Personnel Services, which will be available for release, obligation, and disbursement only until December 31, 2023,** in accordance with GP 70.

3.0 **AMENDMENT**

3.1 The table under item 3.3 of NBC No. 590, particularly that pertaining to the UA under the FY 2023 GAA, R.A. No. 11936, is hereby amended to read as follows:

APPROPRIATION SOURCE	ALLOTMENT CLASS	RELEASE	OBLIGATION	DISBURSEMENT
FY 2023 GAA, R.A. No. 11936 (Programmed Appropriations)	Personnel Services (PS)	until December 31, 2023		
	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE)	until December 31, 2024		
	Capital Outlays (CO)			
	Special shares in the proceeds of national taxes	until December 31, 2024	until fully expended	

APPROPRIATION SOURCE	ALLOTMENT CLASS	RELEASE	OBLIGATION	DISBURSEMENT
FY 2023 GAA, R.A. No. 11936 (Unprogrammed Appropriations)	PS	until December 31, 2023		
	MOOE	until December 31, 2023	until December 31, 2024	
	CO			
FY 2022 GAA, R.A. No. 11639 (Continuing Appropriations)	MOOE	until December 31, 2023		
	CO			
Automatic Appropriations	Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums (RLIP), Special Accounts in the General Fund (SAGF), Pensions of Former Presidents or their Surviving Spouses, Net Lending, Interest Payments, and Tax Expenditure Fund	until December 31, 2023		
	National Tax Allotment (NTA) and Annual Block Grant	until December 31, 2023	until fully expended	

4.0 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any part or provision of this Circular is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

5.0 REPEALING CLAUSE

All provisions of existing circulars and other issuances inconsistent with this Circular are hereby rescinded/repealed and/or modified accordingly.

6.0 **EFFECTIVITY**

This Circular shall take effect immediately.


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