



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



NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR

No. 590-B
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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 (NBC) NO. 590 DATED JANUARY 3, 2023, AS AMENDED BY NBC No. 590-A DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, ON THE GUIDELINES ON THE VALIDITY OF FY 2023 APPROPRIATIONS**

1.0 PURPOSES

This Circular is issued to further amend item 3.3 of NBC No. 590¹, as amended by NBC No. 590-A², pertaining to the validity of the Special Accounts in the General Fund (SAGF) under the Automatic Appropriations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

2.0 RATIONALE

The Allotment Release Program (ARP) sets the ceiling for the aggregate allotment releases to the agencies during the year from all sources. The total ARP of the national government shall be an amount equal to the following:

- 2.1 Built-in appropriations of the NGAs under the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA);
- 2.2 Special Purpose Funds under the annual GAA; and

¹ Guidelines on the Release of Funds for FY 2023

² Amending item 3.3 of National Budget Circular No. 590 dated January 3, 2023 on the Guidelines on the Validity of Unprogrammed Appropriations

2.3 Programmed level of Automatic Appropriations.

In consonance with prudent fiscal management, items chargeable against the following appropriation sources are accommodated within the total ARP, i.e., to be offset against the items programmed/identified above:

- Unprogrammed Appropriations (UA) under the FY 2023 GAA;
- Continuing Appropriations, FY 2022 GAA; and
- Other Automatic Appropriations.

In order to maintain the ARP for the succeeding fiscal year, unobligated balances of allotments charged against the SAGF shall no longer revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the end of FY 2023.

The extension of the validity of the FY 2023 Allotment Releases, which are expected to be obligated and disbursed in the succeeding year, will help improve the agency's absorptive capacity to utilize resources made available to them in the implementation of programs/activities/projects. Correspondingly, this will not put fiscal pressure on the total ARP of the national government in the ensuing year.

3.0 AMENDMENT

3.1 The table under item 3.3 of NBC No. 590, as amended by NBC No. 590-A, is further amended particularly the SAGF under Automatic Appropriations for FY 2023, 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)	until December 31, 2024		
	Special shares in the proceeds of national taxes	until December 31, 2024	until fully expended	
FY 2023 GAA, R.A. No. 11936 (Unprogrammed Appropriations)	PS	until December 31, 2023		
	MOOE	until December 31, 2023	until December 31, 2024	
	CO	until December 31, 2024		

APPROPRIATION SOURCE	ALLOTMENT CLASS	RELEASE	OBLIGATION	DISBURSEMENT
FY 2022 GAA, R.A. No. 11639 (Continuing Appropriations)	MOOE	until December 31, 2023		
	CO			
Automatic Appropriations	RLIP, Pensions of Former Presidents or their Surviving Spouses, Net Lending, Interest Payments, and Tax Expenditure Fund	until December 31, 2023		
	SAGF (MOOE and CO)	until December 31, 2023	until December 31, 2024	
	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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Secretary

