



MC No. 17 s. 2020

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : Support for Returning Scholars During COVID 19

Pursuant to CSC Resolution No. 2000778 promulgated on September 3, 2020, the Commission has adopted this policy in support to returning scholars for provision of the necessary expense and leave of absence during their period of quarantine under state of calamity due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Specifically, the policy provides that:

1. All necessary expenses incurred by the scholars for the COVID-19 test including possible accommodation in a hotel and/or quarantine facility during the 14-day quarantine period (if prescribed), shall be charged to Agency fund; and
2. The absence from work of returning scholars during the fourteen (14) calendar days required quarantine period and treatment for COVID-19, shall be considered as Excused Absence. As such they are not required to report for work during the said period but shall be entitled to pay as declared by the President or the appropriate and competent authorities.

Item 1 of the above provision clarifies Item 12 of CSC Memo Circular No. 44 s. 1992 on the "Guidelines and Operating Procedures in the Administration of the Scholarship Program for Government", which indicates, among others, that the Agency shall shoulder the necessary expenses required by the grantee for the duration of the program.

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Further Item 2 reiterates Item 3.4 of CSC Memo Circular No. 8 s, 2020 on the Revised Interim Guidelines on the Use of Leave Credits for Absences Due to Quarantine and/or Treatment Relative to the Coronavirus Disease- 2019 (COVID-19) and CSC Resolution No. 2000522 dated 02 April 2020.

This policy shall apply to both foreign and local scholarships.

All other existing Civil Service Commission issuances which are inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed and amended.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect after fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of publication of CSC Resolution No. 2000778.*


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Chairperson

24 September 2020

*CSC Resolution No. 2000778 dated September 3, 2020 was published on September 12, 2020 in the Philippine Star.