

ID WATCH

AUGUST 2021

A monthly digest of news and updates about identification systems in the Philippines

August 2

Comelec clarifies: PhilID and vaccination not required to vote

In several tweets, the Comelec spokesman issued clarifications against misinformation spreading in social media. He confirmed that one doesn't need a COMELEC-issued ID or a PhilID to vote. One doesn't have to be vaccinated either. [READ MORE →](#)

August 13

Government, private sectors told: National ID is valid proof of identity despite lack of signature

The PSA urged government agencies and private entities to accept PhilID cards as valid proof of identity amid complaints that banks rejected them. Deputy National Statistician Assistant Sec. Rose Bautista said the issue stemmed from the ID not containing the holder's signature.

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National ID applicants warned anew vs. fake fees

Due to reports that groups are taking advantage of the PhilSys, the PSA emphasized anew that acquiring the national identification card is free of charge.

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Coming soon: PhilSys on mobile

PhilSys-registered individuals will soon be able to carry out transactions using their mobile phones for identification purposes. The Philippine Statistics Authority announced recently, via an advisory, that the PhilSys mobile ID is expected to be activated later this year.

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Metro Manila Vaccination ID rollout by September 1

MMDA Chairman Benhur Abalos said local government units in Metro Manila have uploaded 90 percent of the data needed for unified vaccination cards. The data will be sent to the DICT, which will collate the information. **READ MORE** →

August 28

Nat'l ID accepted in all BIR transactions

The Bureau of Internal Revenue announced that it is accepting the PhilID as valid proof of identity for all transactions. It is among the national government agencies that have endorsed PhilID use, along with PhilPost and the Department of Foreign Affairs. **READ MORE** →

August 29

Quezon City starts distribution of QCitizen ID to PWDs

An initial 1,000 persons with disability received their QCitizen IDs in the week of August 29. Pending the issuance of the QCitizen ID, the existing PWD card—as well as senior citizen and solo parent IDs—remains valid and may be used to avail of discounts and other services. **READ MORE** →



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