

# ID WATCH

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

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### **BSP credits PhilSys for rise in basic deposit accounts**

Basic deposit accounts during the 1Q of 2021 rose by 51% (from 4.6M to 7M) compared to last year. The BSP attributes this to the ongoing implementation of PhilSys, since lack of valid IDs has prevented many Filipinos from opening bank accounts. [READ MORE →](#)

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### **Lower House ID has built-in Paymaya**

The House of Representatives has a new identification card that has a built-in e-wallet through Paymaya. It will be distributed among all House members and employees. [READ MORE →](#)

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### **BSP says PhilID is 'valid', sufficient proof of identity**

The BSP urges financial institutions to accept the PhilID as "sufficient proof of identity". It assures them that online and offline ID authentication will be available.

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### **PhilSys registration for overseas Filipinos eyed**

The PSA is looking at the possibility of starting PhilID registration for Filipinos living and working abroad after the national elections in May next year. The agency will also roll out a mobile app for the ID system.

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### **Electric coop offers to facilitate TIN application**

As part of its One-Stop Shop initiative, the Negros Oriental Electric Cooperative II is offering to facilitate the application for taxpayer identification number (TIN) with the Bureau of Internal Revenue by people applying for electricity connection. **READ MORE** →

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### **Smart, Quezon City develop unified ID card**

Smart Communications has teamed up with the Quezon City government to develop a unified ID card for its citizens. 2.2M city constituents across 142 barangays will be given free Smart SIMs with load as part of the collaboration. **READ MORE** →

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### **Landbank clarifies: cards given to PhilSys registrants do not have gov't aid**

The Landbank of the Philippines said the transaction cards given for free to unbanked national ID registrants are not pre-loaded with government assistance. This, after crowds expecting financial assistance turned up at registration centers due to false information being circulated online.


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