

ID WATCH

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

December 3

Solon urges BIR to allow OFWs to register TIN online

The chairperson of the House Ways and Means Committee has requested the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to allow overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to apply for their tax identification number (TIN) online and without the need for face-to-face transactions. [READ MORE →](#)

December 4

BSP wants national ID used in microfinance

BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno urged microfinance institutions to explore digital innovations under the regulator's Digital Payments Transformation Roadmap, which envisions 70% of Filipino adults owning a transaction account and at least half of transactions done digitally by 2023.

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December 6

House approves SIM card registration bill on third and final reading

The House of Representatives has approved a bill that would require the registration of SIM cards for mobile phones to prevent use for fraud. [READ MORE](#) →

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NPC proposes inclusion of safeguards in SIM card bill

The National Privacy Commission said the final version of a proposed law requiring the registration of mobile phone cards must articulate the requirements for the data security measures that will be implemented by the entities that will handle it.

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December 9

DILG urges LGUs to accept both VaxCertPH, LGU vax card

DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya has clarified that both the LGU vaccination card or the VaxCertPH digital certificate will suffice as proof of an individual's vaccination. There is no need for an LGU certification to accompany these documents. [READ MORE](#) →

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Philippines digital ID scheme to get boost with \$600M World Bank loan

The Philippine government has secured a \$600M World Bank loan to help push the country's economic recovery and resilience efforts, including the development of digital ID infrastructure in the country. [READ MORE](#) →

December 16


Senate OKs SIM card registration bill with provision to curb trolls

The Senate approved on third and final reading a bill that mandates the ownership registration of all SIM cards in the country. Senate Minority Leader Franklin Drilon expanded the measure to cover social media.


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