

# ID WATCH

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

*October 5*

### **Solon calls for PhilSys contract termination if delay persists**

According to Rep. Paul Daza, the President should order a contract review and look for a new head of the Philippine Statistics Authority if the delay in the national ID rollout continues. He also suggested that the government should already consider issuing digital IDs. **READ MORE** →

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### **Marcos signs SIM registration law**

President Marcos has officially signed the SIM Card Registration Act law, which requires users of SIM card or newer types of SIM (ex. eSIM) to present official identification before they could use these. In his speech, the President claimed that it would aid law enforcement and deter crimes. **READ MORE** →

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## Telcos: SIM Card Registration needs effective nat'l ID system

Telecommunications firms have called for the full rollout of the national ID system in response to the passage of the SIM Card Registration Act. They said it would be useless if users will be allowed to submit any form of identification. [READ MORE](#) →

October 12

## Solon seeks inquiry into 'faulty' rollout of nat'l ID system

Congresswoman Bernadette Herrera has filed a resolution urging the House of Representatives to conduct an inquiry into what she described as the "inefficient, delayed and faulty" rollout of the national ID system.

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## Amid National ID delays, DICT says SIM registration can use 'less' secure means

According to DICT Secretary Ivan Uy, the implementation of mandatory SIM registration cannot wait for the completion of the National ID system. Other government-issued IDs and even "less secure" onboarding systems of e-wallets will instead be used to implement SIM registration. [READ MORE](#) →

October 21

## PSA to release mobile app for Nat'l ID

The Philippine Statistics Authority has encouraged the public to embrace the government's digitization efforts with its plan to release a mobile application featuring the Philippine Identification System. The app is an alternative meant to address the current backlog in the printing of PhilID cards. [READ MORE](#) →

October 24


## As millions wait for their Nat'l IDs, some get 2 or more

Francisca Corbe registered with the PhilSys in 2021. Months after receiving her PhilID, she received two more from a barangay worker who was assigned to bring the credentials to her. According to the barangay worker, the local PhilPost office later instructed them to return the excess credentials.


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