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SIM Card Registration

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December 12

NTC releases rules and regulations of SIM Registration Law

The implementing rules of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act has been released by the National Telecommunications Commission. The law aims to make end-users accountable for mobile communications use by mandating SIM registration. [READ MORE →](#)

December 13

SIM registration aid for millions using basic phones, sans internet

About 8 million Globe SIM card users who are using basic phones and those who do not have internet access will get special assistance during the SIM registration period, which will start on Dec. 27, 2022. Smart will also provide additional means to assist persons with special needs in registering their respective SIMs. [READ MORE →](#)

December 13

Lawmaker questions SIM card verification process

Senator Grace Poe has expressed concern over what she describes as a “vague verification process” under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the SIM Card Registration Law.

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December 14

Multiple SIM registration allowed under new law

Multiple SIM registration is allowed under the implementing rules of the new law, an NTC consultant said. Engr. Edgardo Cabarios warned people though of the risks of having multiple SIM cards, including being implicated in illegal activities. [READ MORE →](#)

December 23

DICT warns public vs proliferation of SIM registration scams

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) warned the public against the proliferation of fake SIM registration processes through email. Scammers are allegedly urging the public to subject their SIMs into a “pre-registration” process, otherwise, their SIMs will be deactivated. [READ MORE →](#)

December 27

Server issues mar SIM card sign-up portals on 1st day

As early as 6:30am, the registration link for Globe showed a “Bad gateway” prompt and asked subscribers to “try again later”. The Philippine News Agency was able to access the Smart portal but getting through the link either took time to load or would not load at all.

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December 27

Consumer group: SIM card registration challenging for senior citizens, PWDs


Senior citizens and persons with disabilities could have difficulty in registering their SIM cards, a consumer group said. “They may need some assistance,” Philippine Coalition of Consumer Welfare founder Ricardo Samaniego told CNN Philippines’ The Final Word. [READ MORE →](#)



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