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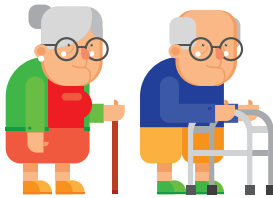
Department of Social Welfare and Development



**SOCIAL PENSION FOR
INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS (SOCPEN)**



What is the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens Program?



The Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens Program is an additional government assistance amounting to P500.00 provided to qualified indigent senior citizens. The social pension is a monthly stipend to augment the capacity of indigent senior citizens to meet their daily subsistence and other medical needs of senior citizens. (As stated in RA 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010)

Who may be considered beneficiaries under this program?

The program applies the following eligibility criteria as stated in RA 9994:

Sixty (60) years old and above senior citizens who are:

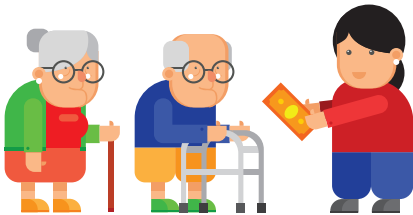


- ✔ Frail, sickly, or with disability
- ✔ Without pension
- ✔ Without regular source of income; compensation or financial assistance from his/her relatives to support his/her basic needs





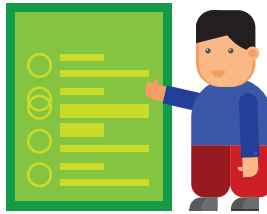
How much does a beneficiary receive under this program?



For CY 2019, the social pension will be distributed to the beneficiary on a semestral basis, amounting to P3,000 for the period January to June and P3,000 for July to December.



How does a senior citizen become a beneficiary?



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The Barangay Senior Citizens Association (BSCA) may recommend or submit a list of potential beneficiary senior citizen to the head of the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA) or to the City/Municipal Social Welfare Development Office, along with the filled-out Social Pension Application Forms.

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Senior Citizens who are not part of the endorsed list of BSCA may be referred or may personally submit their application to the concerned OSCA or at the nearest DSWD Field Office (FO).

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The available list of senior citizens from OSCA Head of each LGU shall serve as reference in identifying indigent senior citizens while the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) shall certify the same. The list shall be submitted to DSWD FO for their validation and assessment.

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During validation by the DSWD FO's staff, he/she shall verify whether a potential beneficiary is an existing pensioner of any insurance agencies. The potential beneficiary shall present his/her OSCA ID or Birth Certificate or any valid ID indicating his/her date of birth. Likewise, the DSWD FO shall validate the address indicated in the ID through coordination with the *Punong Barangay* or other officials who can confirm the information.

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The results of the validation of the senior citizen's information and assessment of the eligibility of the senior citizen shall be reviewed by the DSWD FO's Social Pension personnel to ensure completeness and accuracy of the information, which will be approved by the Regional Director. The final list shall be provided to the City/Municipal Mayor through the OSCA Head and LSWDO for reference.

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The OSCA Head will inform the qualified indigent senior citizen and/or his/her family through the Barangay or Senior Citizens Association.



What is the process for the distribution of pension?



1. The DSWD FO shall schedule the pay-out and inform the OSCA and LSWDO. The OSCA Head shall then inform the beneficiaries of the date and venue of the pay-out.

2. The social pension beneficiary shall present his/her OSCA ID or any valid government-issued ID or federation ID indicating his date of birth, in claiming the stipend during pay-out.

3. In case the stipend will be claimed by an authorized representative, he/she shall present the following:

- i. Original and photocopy of his/her valid ID or valid certification
- ii. Social pensioner's valid ID
- iii. Authorization letter from the social pensioner indicating the name of the authorized representative, signature of the pensioner and the reason/s for inability to personally claim his/her stipend.

4. Only the authorized representative identified by the beneficiary and registered with DSWD FO shall be allowed to claim the stipend. A beneficiary may identify at least three (3) authorized representatives whose names and other pertinent data of identification shall be registered with the DSWD FO.

Can a beneficiary be removed from the social pension program?

A senior citizen may be delisted on the following grounds, after a thorough evaluation and review of supporting documents:



- Death of beneficiary
- Transfer of resident by the beneficiary
- A beneficiary who cannot be located in his/her last known address within the semester or during the period of validation or home visit by the DSWD FO
- Receiving pension from GSIS, SSS, AFPMBAI, or any other insurance company
- Having a regular income/ financial support from family or relatives
- Absence for a semestral pay-out

Replacement shall be taken from the validated waiting list to be generated by the DSWD FO, based on the master list of updated qualified senior citizens who are still unserved. Priorities for replacement are those coming from the same barangay within the city/municipality.

Where can a person report irregularities in the program?

Any complaint may be reported to the nearest DSWD Office who shall conduct an assessment and identify the necessary steps to address the issue. The result of such shall be discussed with the concerned OSCA or LSWDO.





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