



FILING OF STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES (SOCE)

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-85
June 3, 2019

1.0 Background

- 1.1. Republic Act No. 7166 provides that no person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the Statement of Contributions and Expenditures (SOCE). Specifically, Section 14 states that:

“Sec. 14. Statement of Contributions and Expenditures; Effect of Failure to File Statement.- Every candidate and treasurer of the political party shall, within thirty (30) days after the day of the election, file in duplicate with the offices of the Commission the full, true and itemized statement of all contributions and expenditures in connection with the election.

No person elected to any public office shall enter upon the duties of his office until he has filed the statement of contributions and expenditures herein required.”

- 1.2. Item No. 3 of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and this Department dated March 14, 2012, states that:

“Before administering an oath of office to any winning candidate or allowing a winning candidate assumption into office, the DILG or any of its attached agencies shall require him or her to present a Certification from the COMELEC that he or she have satisfactorily complied with his or her obligation under Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7166 by filing his or her Statement of Contributions and Expenditures with the COMELEC. Absent this Certification, the winning candidate cannot enter into the execution of his or her office pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the same provision of law.”

2.0 Scope/Coverage

All newly-elected Provincial Governors, Mayors, Vice Governors, Vice Mayors, Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Bayan, the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, DILG Regional Directors, and all others concerned

3.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 3.1. All concerned newly-elected officials are urged to comply with the aforementioned provisions and strictly observe the following timeline:

Activity	Deadline
Filing of SOCE	June 13, 2019
Submission to DILG of Certification from COMELEC that the newly-elected official has filed SOCE (<i>thru the Provincial Director for Governors, Vice Governors and Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, the City Director or CLGOO for City Mayors, City Vice Mayors and Sangguniang Panglungsod members, the MLGOO for Municipal Mayors, Municipal Vice Mayors and Sangguniang Bayan members</i>)	June 21, 2019

- 3.2. All DILG Regional Offices are to submit the consolidated data on SOCE submission not later than **June 28, 2019**, through the prescribed reporting form available on the following link: <https://bit.ly/2YJWtZu>. There is no need to download the forms, filling out of the monitoring report forms are to be done online. Should the Regional Office cascade the same to the Field Offices, kindly share the same Google spreadsheet, and the Bureau of Local Government Supervision shall be the one to grant access thereto.

4.0 Penal Provision

- 4.1. Non-compliance with this Memorandum Circular shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

5.0 Effectivity

- 5.1. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6.0 Approving Authority


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7.0 Feedback

- 7.1. For related queries, kindly contact the Policy Compliance Monitoring Division of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision at Tel No. (02) 876-3454 local 4210 to 11 or email address at blgspcmd@gmail.com.