

MC No. **27**, 2003

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS, DEPARTMENT / REGIONAL/OPERATION / PROJECT MANAGERS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS, IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: LIBERALIZATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE PAYMENT OF YEAR-END BONUS AND CASH GIFT

1.0 PURPOSE

This Circular is issued pursuant to Budget Circular No. 2003-2 dated May 9, 2003 liberalizing the rules and regulations on the payment of year-end bonus and cash gift authorized under Republic Act (RA) No. 6686 as amended by RA No. 8441 in consonance with the principle of equitable compensation and in the spirit of altruism, subject to notation by the NIA Board of Directors.

2.0 COVERAGE

NIA officials and employees whether permanent, temporary or casual status, and contractual personnel whose employment is in the nature of a regular employee. It covers the same officials and employees covered under NIA-MC # 68, s. 2002 re grant of Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift.

3.0 UPDATED RULES ON THE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF ONE-HALF (1/2) OF THE AMOUNT OF YEAR-END BONUS AND CASH GIFT COVERING 2003 AND ONWARDS.

3.1 NIA officials and employees may receive one half (1/2) of the amount of yearend bonus and cash gift in May, provided that they have rendered at least four (4) months of service, including leaves of absence with pay, from January 1 to April 30 of the given year, regardless of whether or not they will still be in service as of October 31 of the same year. 3.2 Payment of the authorized benefits shall be made not earlier than May 1, and should be paid not later than May 31 of the particular year. For 2003, however, grant may be given upon approval hereof.

4.0 PRO-RATED SHARE OF THE REMAINING BALANCE OF CASH GIFT

- 4.1 NIA officials and employees who have rendered more than four (4) months of service in a given year before their retirement/separation from the service may receive a proportionate share of the remaining balance of the cash gift in addition to the benefit provided under Item 3 hereof.
- 4.2 The pro-rated share of the cash gift shall follow a twenty percent (20%) gradation for every month of service, in excess of the four months service requirement as follows:

| Month of Retirement/Separation from the Service | . Percentage | Amount |
|---|--------------|--------|
| May | 0% | P 0 |
| June | 20% | 500 |
| July | 40% | 1,000 |
| August | 60% | 1,500 |
| September | 80% . | 2,000 |
| October | 100% | 2,500 |

4.3 Payment of the herein benefit shall be made within the month of retirement/separation from the service of the employee concerned.

5.0 APPLICABILITY OF THE BENEFITS

The benefit authorized herein shall not be applicable to services rendered prior to 2003.

6.0 FUNDING SOURCE

Funds for the purpose of implementing this Circular for those whose salaries/wages are charged against the Current Operating Budget for 2003 shall be charged thereto. Those whose positions are authorized under Project Plantilla shall be charged against their respective Project funds.

7.0 **RESPONSIBILITY OF CHIEFS OF OFFICES**

The Chiefs of Offices/Projects concerned shall be held responsible for the implementation of this Circular in their respective area of jurisdiction and shall be held liable for any deviation/s from the provisions hereof, without prejudice, however, to the refund of any excess payment by the employees concerned.

8.0 **RESOLUTION OF CASES**

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Cases not covered by this Circular shall be referred to the Administrator Attn.: Assistant Administrator for Administrative Services.

9.0 RESCINDING CLAUSE

All circulars and other issuances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby rescinded or superseded accordingly.

10.0 EFFECTIVITY

The provisions of this Circular shall take effect immediately

NUEL M. PARAS JESUS EMA Administrator

20 June 2003



AGENCIES OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAS), GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS), INCLUDING STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCS) AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFIS); CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS); AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : LIBERALIZATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE PAYMENT OF YEAR-END BONUS AND CASH GIFT

1.0 PURPOSE

To liberalize the rules and regulations on the payment of year-end bonus and cash gift authorized under Republic Act (RA) No. 6686 as amended by RA No. 8441 in consonance with the principle of equitable compensation and in the spirit of altruism.

2.0 COVERAGE

All officials and employees whether permanent, temporary or emergency in nature, and contractual personnel whose employment is in the nature of a regular employee, a appointive or elective, now existing or hereafter created in all national government agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations, government financial institutions and local government units.

3.0 Updated Rules on the Advance Payment of One-half (1/2) of the Amount of Year-end Bonus and Cash Gift covering 2003 and onwards.

3.1 All elective and appointive officials and employees may receive one half (1/2) of the amount of year-end bonus and cash gift in May, provided that they have rendered at least four (4) months of service, including leaves of absence with pay, from January 1 to April 30 of the given year, regardless of whether or not they will still be in service as of October 31 of the same year.

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4.0 Pro-rated Share of the Remaining Balance of Cash Gift

4.1 All government personnel who have rendered more than four (4) months of service in a given year before their retirement/separation from the service may receive a proportionate share of the remaining balance of the cash gift in addition to the benefit provided under Item 3 hereof.

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/5.0 Applicability of the Benefits

The benefit authorized herein shall not be applicable to services rendered prior to 2003.

6.0 FUNDING SOURCE

- 6.1 The funding source for the implementation of the benefit authorized herein shall be as follows:
 - 6.1.1 For NGAs, the amount required shall be charged against the approved appropriations for the purpose under the annual General Appropriations Act and any deficiency thereof shall be charged against available savings of the agency;
 - 6.1.2 For GOCCs/GFIs, the amount required shall be charged wholly from their respective corporate funds; and
 - 6.1.3 For LGUs, the amount required shall be charged wholly from their respective local funds.

7.0 SAVING CLAUSE

Cases not covered by the provisions of this Circular shall be submitted to the Secretary of Budget and Management for resolution.

8.0 RESCINDING CLAUSE

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9.0 EFFECTIVITY

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The provisions of this Circular shall take effect January 1, 2003.

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EMILIA T. BONCODIN Secretary

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