

Emergency loan sa Cam Norte, Cam Sur, Gloria sa Mindoro

Nagbukas ang GSIS ng emergency loan para sa 45,619 aktibong miyembro at old-age pensioners na naapektuhan ng tropical depression Usman sa probinsya ng Camarines Norte at Camarines Sur, at sa bayan ng Gloria sa Oriental Mindoro.

Marso 17, 2019 ang deadline ng filing ng application sa dalawang probinsya ng Camarines at March 18, 2019 naman sa Gloria. *(ajeb)*

Business continuity briefing, drill ginanap sa Davao



Pinamunuan ni VP Valerie Marquez ng RMO, OIC-VP Vilma Fuentes ng Mindanao Office (magandang hataw, ika-11 at ika-12 mula sa kaliwa), at Acting VP Paul Dela Cuadra ng GSO (pangalawang hataw, ika-10 mula sa kanan) ang BCM Briefing at BCP Testing, kasama ang Mindanao Branch Office managers at staff.

Inisagawa ng Risk Management Office, sa pamumuno ni VP Valerie Marquez, ang briefing sa Business Continuity Management at ang testing ng Operational Business Continuity Plans (BCPs) ng Mindanao branch offices.

Ginanap ito sa GSIS Davao Branch Office mula Pebrero 28 hanggang Marso 1.

Sa briefing, tinalakay din ng General Services Office ang Emergency Response and Disaster Contingency Plan at ng Corporate Affairs Department ang GSIS Crisis Communication Plan, na kapwa mahalaga sa activation ng BCPs.

Masiglang nakilahok ang participants sa iba't ibang klase ng BCP testing, tulad ng awareness checking, desk-check review, call tree, at process simulation o role playing. *(ber)*



Masiglang sinaliban ng participants ang GSIS Crisis Communication Plan workshop na inisagawa ng CAD.

Bagong kiosk sa Sangali, Zamboanga

Magkakaroon na ng GSIS Wireless Automated Processing System (GWAPS) kiosk sa Sangali Community Health Center sa Zamboanga City.

Pangungunahan ni Chairman Rolando Macasaet ang unveiling sa 25 Marso 2019.

Inaasahang 1,500 members at pensioners ang makikinabang sa bagong GWAPS kiosk. *(cbpi)*

Bagong GWAPS kiosk sa Pangasinan



Inilapit ng Dagupan Branch Office ang serbisyo sa mga miyembro sa pamamagitan ng newly installed GSIS Wireless Automated Processing System (GWAPS) kiosk sa local government unit ng Umingan, Pangasinan.

Opisyal nang nai-turn over ang kiosk ng GSIS-Dagupan, sa pangunguna ni Mylene Caronongan, Acting Officer I, kay Umingan Mayor Michael Carleone Cruz noong Marso 20. *(ajeb/mud)*

GSIS nagsanay sa pagharap sa sakuna, peligro

Upang lubos na maihanda ang GSIS employees sa pagdating ng anumang sakuna o peligro, nagsagawa ang GSIS Disaster Contingency Committee (DCC) at Risk Management Office (RMO) ng iba't ibang programang angkop sa "Kahandaan sa Sakuna't Peligro para sa Tunay na Pagbababago," ang tema ng 2019 National Disaster Resilience Month.

BCP briefing, testing sa Head Office, South Luzon

Sa pangunguna nina VP Valerie Marquez, Manager Maria Clarissa Magdaraog, at Eross Ocampo, nagsagawa ang RMO ng magkahiwalay na briefing at testing ng dalawang business continuity plans (BCPs) noong Hulyo.

Ginanap ang unang briefing sa Head Office (HO) noong Hulyo 4 hanggang 5. Dinaluhan ito ng piling empleyado ng Information Technology Services Group, Information Security Office, at Records Management Department.

Ang ikalawang briefing ay idinaos sa AVP Convention Center, Legazpi City, mula Hulyo 17 hanggang 19. Lumahok dito ang managers at piling empleyado ng South Luzon branch offices (BOs).

Bukod sa risk monitoring report sa social insurance at general insurance, tinalakay ng RMO sa nasabing sessions ang kahalagahan ng business continuity management system ng GSIS. Naging bahagi naman ng tests ang awareness checking, desk-checking, call tree testing, at role-playing activities.

Nagbigay ng DCC updates si Acting VP Paul G. dela Cuadra ng General Services Office (GSO), DCC head. Inilahad nina Mgr. Mercedita Irene Tayag at Dindo Satumba ng Corporate Communications Office - Corporate Affairs Department ang updates sa GSIS Crisis Communication Plan sa HO at Legazpi City.

Sa ikalawang araw ng BCP briefing and training sa Legazpi City, nagsagawa ng fire drill, kung saan naging pangunahing tagamasid ang mga kinatawan ng Naga BO, ang support o back-up ng Legazpi BO. Ito ang itinuturing na full testing ng South Luzon BCP, na naisagawa sa suporta mula kina VP Rachel Edjan ng South Luzon Office at Managers Levi Olivar Jr. at Celeste Ferreras ng Legazpi at Naga BOs.

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GSIS to require gov't agencies to submit remittance files electronically by July

Starting July 2019, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) will require government agencies to submit remittance documents electronically and will no longer accept the submission of printed remittance lists (RLs).

"The complete shift to paperless transactions reduces paper production cost and yields savings in government resources. More than that, a paperless working environment enhances data organization, storage, and retention which are all vital in protecting the privacy and security of members' records," GSIS President and General Manager Jesus Clint Aranas said.

With this development, government agencies will be able to fully utilize GSIS's web based facility, dubbed Electronic Billing and Collection System (eBCS), by downloading their billing files on the first day of the month and uploading their respective RLs electronically on or before the 10th day of the following month.

Introduced in July 2014, eBCS aims to ensure the seamless and timely posting of GSIS members' premium and loan payments.

"After almost five years since eBCS was implemented, remitting officers of government agencies have been adequately trained and should be prepared by now to maximize the use of the system. Thus, hard copies of remittance files are no longer necessary," Aranas said.

By working online through eBCS, agency remitting personnel will save time and resources that would be otherwise spent in personally going to GSIS offices to submit remittance documents. By going paperless, they may download and upload files in no time. *(amma)*

GSIS offers emergency loan to 41K El Niño victims in Iloilo

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) opened its emergency loan window to active members and old-age pensioners in Iloilo who have been affected by El Niño.

The deadline of application is July 25, 2019. The grant in the said province excludes Iloilo City and the municipalities of Janiuay, Lambunao, and Mina, which were earlier offered the same loan and with the acceptance of application having ended last June 29, 2019.

Under the program, members with no existing emergency loan may borrow Php20,000 while those who still have outstanding balance in their previous emergency loan account may be granted a Php40,000 loan. Old-age pensioners in the area may apply for a Php20,000 loan. At present, a total of 33,465 active members and 7,407 old-age pensioners in the area are qualified to apply for the loan.

To qualify, active members must be working or residing in the calamity-declared area, not be on leave of absence without pay, have no arrears in paying monthly mandatory life insurance or social insurance premium contributions, and have no unpaid loans for more than six months. They should also have a minimum net take-home pay of Php5,000 after the monthly premium contributions and loan amortizations have been deducted. Pensioners who are also active members may apply for the loan only once.

Active members may apply through the GSIS Wireless Automated Processing System (GWAPS) kiosk located in all GSIS branch and extension offices; provincial capitols; city halls; selected municipal offices; large government agencies such as the Department of Education; Robinsons Malls; and selected SM City branches in North EDSA, Manila, Pampanga, Cebu, SM Aura in Taguig, SM Southmall in Las Piñas, and Mall of Asia in Pasay City (subject to approval of their agency authorized officer [AAO]). Old-age pensioners must personally apply for the loan.

The GSIS emergency loan is payable in 36 equal monthly instalments at six percent interest rate per annum. It is covered by a loan redemption insurance, which deems the loan fully paid in case of the borrower's demise, provided that loan repayment is up to date.

Loan proceeds are electronically credited to the borrower's GSIS electronic card (eCard) or unified multipurpose identification (UMID) card.

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GSIS opens emergency loan window in 4 Dengue-affected areas

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has offered emergency loan to active members and old-age pensioners in Samar province, municipalities of Pontevedra and Sigma in Capiz, and Sofronio Española in Palawan, which were declared under a state of calamity due to dengue outbreak.

GSIS allocated almost P633 million for the loan in the said areas.

The loan application deadline for Samar, Pontevedra, and Sigma is September 20, while that for Sofronio Española is September 22.

Active members with no existing emergency loan and old-age pensioners may apply for a P20,000 loan. Those who have not yet fully paid their emergency loan may apply for a P40,000 loan, from which the outstanding balance will be deducted.

Qualified to apply are active members who are working or residing in the calamity-declared areas, not on leave of absence without pay, have no arrears in paying monthly mandatory life insurance or social insurance premium contributions, and have no unpaid loans for more than six months. They should also have a minimum net take-home pay of Php5,000 after the monthly premium contributions and loan amortizations have been deducted.

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Old-age pensioners must file their application over the counter to safeguard their identity. If they are also active members, they may apply for the loan only once.

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RMO spearheads BCM activities

To ensure continuity of service for members and pensioners in case of any emergency, business continuity management (BCM) activities were conducted by the Risk Management Office (RMO) in GSIS branch offices in October.



The Business Continuity Team (BCT) members who participated in the RMO-organized BCM testing in Baguio and Dagupan Branch Offices, led by VP Isagani del Rosario (13th from left) of North Luzon Operations, pose for posterity in Baguio BO.

Last October 3, an earthquake drill and business continuity plan (BCP) actual simulation testing were conducted at the GSIS Baguio Branch Office.

Then, on October 23 and 24, another BCP actual simulation testing was held by RMO in Tacloban.



BCT members in Cebu BO provide support to Tacloban BO in frontline services during BCP simulation testing held at the city government office of Tacloban.

Simulation testing aims to assess and evaluate the readiness of BCPs, especially in branch offices, in such business disruptions as earthquakes or storms. *ajeb*



GSIS launches online housing loan payment system

The GSIS Housing Online Payment (G-HOP) was officially launched last October 30.

G-HOP is the newest GSIS online payment system for GSIS housing loan amortization. It is accessible through the internet.

Payors with updated housing loan payment and have accounts in Union Bank of the Philippines (UBP) may enroll in the G-HOP facility.

Interested housing loan borrowers under the Head Office may enroll for G-HOP at the Housing Account Reconciliation Department in GSIS Pasay, while those outside of Metro Manila may enroll at any GSIS branch office in their area.



GSIS Executives, EVP June Jun Ebdane (left photo, right), SVP Mario Angay (middle photo), and VP Jean Bengo (last photo, right) register in G-HOP.

GSIS executives with housing loan accounts who enrolled in G-HOP included Support Services EVP Jun Ebdane, Finance Management Group SVP Mario Angay, and ITSG-Accounts Management Office VP Jean Bengo.

To learn more about G-HOP, interested parties may visit the GSIS website, www.gsis.gov.ph. *ajeb*