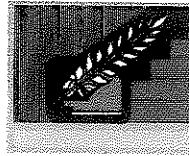




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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2005-001**  
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**TO** : All City/Municipal Civil Registrars

**FROM** :   
: **CARMELITA N. ERICTA**  
Administrator and Civil Registrar General

**SUBJECT** : CENOMAR as Requirement for Legitimation

It has been observed that documents for legitimation submitted and endorsed by the City/Municipal Civil registrars (C/MCRs) to the OCRG have been processed and allowed for legitimation without checking whether the parents have been previously married. The CENOMAR is hereby made an additional requirement to prevent instances of approving legitimation of children particularly with parents either of whom has an existing valid marriage with another person.

Under Rule 66(2) of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1993, "only children conceived and born outside of wedlock of parent/s who, at the time of the conception of the former, were not disqualified by any impediment to marry each other, may be legitimated. Since previous marriage is an impediment to remarry, legitimation shall not prosper.

In this respect, the concerned C/MCR may require the parties applying for legitimation to present a CENOMAR. The CENOMAR shall become an additional requirement before annotating the COLB of the child. This is to make sure that the parent/s of the child whose legitimation is being sought is free from a previous marriage.

For your guidance.

cc: All Regional Directors  
All Provincial Statistics Officers