

Reference No. 23CRS02-06-7809

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2023-15

TO : ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRARS,

OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE, PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS OFFICIALS AND STAFF, PSA OFFICIALS AND CONCERNED PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Revocation of the Philippine Statistics Authority

<u>Issuances Allowing Local or Philippine</u> Notarization of Affidavits in lieu of Certificates of

Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage

Date : 26 June 2023

Due to the Coronavirus disease-2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) issued Memorandum Circular (MC) Nos. 2021-04 dated 26 March 2021, 2021-07 dated 12 May 2021, and 2022-12 dated 10 May 2022. These MCs allow the local or Philippine Notarization of Affidavits in lieu of Certificates of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage issued by the different foreign embassies in the Philippines, specifically the United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

With the ease in the restrictions brought about by Covid-19 nationwide, onsite transactions with the foreign embassies and consular offices in the Philippines are now allowed.

In view of this, the PSA hereby revokes its aforementioned issuances allowing local notarization of Affidavits in Lieu of Certificates of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage. Further, it is hereby required that the said affidavits/certifications be in the format prescribed and notarized directly by the diplomatic or consular officials of the concerned embassy.



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Local Civil Registrars are directed to accept locally notarized Affidavits until 31 July 2023.

This issuance shall take effect immediately.

For your information and strict compliance.

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Undersecretary

National Statistician and Civil Registrar General