

MALACAÑAN PALACE

MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33

PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OF A GRATUITY TO THE WIDOW AND/OR CHILDREN, AND IN THEIR ABSENCE TO THE OTHER HEIRS, OF A DECEASED OFFICER OR MEMBER OF ANY POLICE FORCE OR SIMILAR GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ENGAGED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND ORDER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 30, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the aforesaid Act:

1. Claims under the aforesaid Act shall be paid only after a Committee composed of the Secretary of the Interior as Chairman and the Undersecretary of Justice and the Provost Marshal General as Members has determined that they come within or that they fully satisfy the requirements of Republic Act No. 30.

2. For the purpose of said determination, the papers of each case shall include, among other pertinent supporting information and documents, the following:

a. Evidence of employment, such as, certified true copies of last appointment or commission, and transcript of service record.

b. The circumstances, in full, showing that the deceased was engaged in the performance of his duties in connection with the campaign for the maintenance of peace and order and that he met death in said campaign or that his death was a direct consequence of his participation therein.

c. Satisfactory evidence of death and of its cause, such as death certificate and certificate of the physician who attended the deceased during his last illness or autopsy report if cause of death cannot be determined by ordinary means.

3. Until provision is made otherwise, the benefits afforded in Republic Act No. 30 shall accrue only in cases of death occurring on or after January 1, 1946: Provided, That such sums out of the appropriation provided in said Act remaining unexpended at the close of the present fiscal year may be paid as benefits to cases of death occurring after June 30, 1947, if the cause thereof be participation in a campaign conducted before July 1, 1947.

4. The Auditor General, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior, shall issue the necessary instructions for the proper and expeditious identification of the beneficiary or beneficiaries as authorized by Republic Act No. 30. Said instructions should tend to eliminate unnecessary requirements and delay so that the beneficiary or beneficiaries, once identified, may promptly receive the amount or amounts due to them under said Act. Whenever there will be no confusion, actual payment of the gratuity should be made to only one of the rightful claimants who may have been duly authorized by the others to receive the amount for all of them.

5. All officers and employees, be they National or of the local governments, who participate in the perfection of the claim or in the preparation of the necessary papers to support the claim, are directed to assist in every possible way, any applicant for gratuity under said Act.

6. All claims for gratuity shall be given preferential attention and to expedite the movement from office to office of the claim papers, each of said papers should be prepared originally with sufficient number of copies.

7. The offices or bureaus concerned shall not deal with intermediaries or persons who represent themselves as acting in behalf of claimants.

8. No warrant covering the payment of gratuities shall be delivered to any person other than the payee. In case a payee cannot personally take delivery of such warrant, it should be mailed without delay.

9. Documents and other papers relating to claims for gratuities shall be considered confidential.

Done at the City of Manila, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

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