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EXPANDED COVERAGE OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER
DOLE-DOT JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-001

In the interest of service and for a more inclusive implementation of the financial assistance and cash-for-work program for displaced workers in the tourism sector, this joint advisory relative to the implementation of DOLE-DOT Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2020-001 is being issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. Inclusion of beneficiaries of the DSWD Social Amelioration Program (SAP) and COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) under BAYANIHAN 1. Pursuant to Section 4 (f)(2) of the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act ("BAYANIHAN 2"), beneficiaries of SAP and CAMP under BAYANIHAN 1 are not precluded from receiving the unemployment or involuntary separation assistance under BAYANIHAN 2. Thus, said beneficiaries may apply for the DOLE-DOT JMC No. 2020-001 financial assistance.

2. Inclusion of workers of affected establishments that implemented Flexible Work Arrangements or Alternative Work Schemes. The spirit of BAYANIHAN 2 is to be inclusive in terms of coverage. Hence, affected establishments under the tourism sector that implemented Flexible Work Arrangements (FWAs) or Alternative Work Scheme (AWS) that resulted in a decrease or loss of regular income or wages for its employees for the duration of community quarantine may apply for their workers’ financial assistance. Any documentary proof of the implementation of FWAs or AWS, such as company notices or announcements, time records, or pay slips, shall suffice.

3. Inclusion of LGU-Licensed Secondary Tourism Enterprises. In addition to the tourism enterprises under Section 3(a) of DOLE-DOT JMC No. 2020-001, LGU-Licensed Secondary Tourism Enterprises as defined under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9593¹ that have implemented permanent closure or, as a mitigating measure, have implemented retrenchment, temporary closure, or FWAs/AWS may likewise apply for their employees’ financial assistance.

To qualify, Secondary Tourism Enterprises that have temporarily closed or temporarily laid off workers, or those that implemented FWAs/AWS, must submit the payroll or any of the alternative documents stated in DOLE Labor Advisory No. 12-A Series of 2020. A Notice of Closure stamped received by the LGUs must likewise be provided by establishments that permanently closed.

4. Issuance of Training Voucher. The relevant training required under Section 10 of the DOLE-DOT JMC No. 2020-001 shall be undertaken by the qualified tour guide after the grant of financial assistance; hence it will no longer be a condition precedent to receiving the grant. The DOT shall issue a training voucher to endorsed tour guides association or group for the conduct of a relevant training for its qualified members no later than 30 June 2021. Training expenses shall be charged against DOT’s GAA fund.

Other provisions of the DOLE-DOT JMC No. 2020-001 and related issuances, not consistent with the above, shall remain valid and enforceable.

The abovementioned amendments shall take effect upon publication. Be guided accordingly.

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¹ Section 3 (t) Secondary Tourism Enterprises – facilities and services that may be related to tourism such as, but not limited to, restaurants; specialty shops and department stores; sports facilities and recreational centers such as, museums and galleries, theme parks, zoos; health and wellness facilities such as, but not limited to, spas, tertiary hospitals, ambulatory clinics and medical concierges; rest areas in gas stations; agri-tourism farms and facilities; tourism training centers or institutes, including tourism trainers; outbound travel agencies; and such other enterprises as may be identified by the Secretary, after due consultation with concerned sectors.