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LETTER-REPLY OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) REGARDING ON THE USE OF SURNAME OF THE FATHER FOR LEGITIMATED/ILLIGITIMATE CHILDREN

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Junior/Senior High School Heads
Public Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This is in reference to the letter-reply of Ruben D. Abaro, Jr., OIC-Regional Director of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), re: Use of Surname of the Father for Legitimated/Illegitimate Children.

2. The details of the said subject are in the enclosure.

3. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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SUBJECT: Use of Surname of the Father for Legitimated/Illegitimate Children

Dear Dr. Batoon:

This has reference to your letter dated March 20, 2019, which we received on March 25, 2019 regarding your query on the use of the surname of the father for legitimated and illegitimate children.

Query 1 - Use of Surname of the Father for Legitimated Children

Children who have been registered under the surname of the mother but have been legitimated through subsequent marriage can use the surname of the father. The annotation indicated would either be “Acknowledged by (Name of Father); legitimated through subsequent marriage, henceforth the child shall be known as …” or “With Affidavit of Admission of Paternity; Legitimated by Subsequent Marriage of Parents on _____ at _____.”

Query 2 - Illegitimate Children Without Annotation

RA 9255 shall apply to all illegitimate children born on or after 19 March 2004 and may use the surname of the father under the following circumstances:

a. An illegitimate child aged 0-6 years old acknowledged by the father shall use the surname of the father, if the mother or guardian, the absence of the mother, executes the Affidavit to Use the surname of the Father (AUSF).

b. An illegitimate child aged 7 to 17 years old acknowledged by the father shall use the surname of the father if the child executes AUSF fully aware of the consequence as attested by the mother or guardian.

c. Upon reaching the age of majority, an illegitimate child acknowledged by the father shall use the surname of his/her father provided that he/she executes an AUSF without the need of any attestation.

Query 3 - Registration of Children whose Parents are Missing

Children whose parents are missing maybe registered by their guardian. These are the requirements for delayed registration:

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A. For persons less than eighteen (18) years of age:

1. Four (4) copies of Certificate of Live Birth duly accomplished and signed by the proper parties;

2. Affidavit of Delayed Registration (at the back of the Certificate of Live Birth) signed by the guardian;

3. Any two (2) of the following documentary evidences which may show the name of the child, date and place of birth and the name of the parents;
   - Baptismal Certificate
   - School records
   - Income tax of parent/s
   - Insurance policy
   - Medical Records
   - And others, such as barangay captain’s certification

4. Affidavit of two (2) disinterested persons who might have witnessed or have known about the birth of the child; and

5. A sworn statement of the present whereabouts of mother, if the person seeking registration of the illegitimate child is not the mother.

B. For children eighteen (18) years old and above;

1. All requirements for a child who is less than 18 years old; and

2. Certificate of Marriage

We hope we have provided you clarifications on these matters.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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