



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PHILSYS POLICY AND COORDINATION COUNCIL**

**PSPCC Resolution No. 19  
Series of 2021**

**APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE TIERED ONBOARDING APPROACH  
FOR RELYING PARTIES OF THE PHILSYS USE CASES**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is mandated to implement Republic Act (RA) No. 11055, otherwise known as the “Philippine Identification System Act”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of RA No. 11055 states that the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) shall promote seamless delivery of service, to improve the efficiency, transparency, and targeted delivery of public and social services, to enhance administrative governance, to reduce corruption and curtail bureaucratic red tape to avert fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations to strengthen financial inclusion, and to promote ease of doing business;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of RA No. 11055 states that the PhilSys aims to eliminate the need to present other forms of identification when transacting with the government and the private sector, subject to appropriate authentication measures based on a biometric identification system;

**WHEREAS**, the first paragraph of Section 6(A) of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of RA No. 11055 states that the PhilSys Number (PSN) is a randomly generated, unique, and permanent identification number that will be assigned to every citizen or resident alien upon birth or registration by the PSA, in accordance with the registration process provided in the IRR. All government agencies, including government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) shall incorporate in their identification systems and databases the PSN, or its derivative, of covered individuals which shall be the standard number for the individual across all agencies of the government. Further, the last paragraph of Section 6A states that no person shall have more than one PSN and the PSN, in print, electronic, subject to authentication, shall be accepted as sufficient proof of identity;

**WHEREAS**, the second paragraph of Section 12 of the IRR of RA No. 11055 states that in case of online authentication, the requesting entity shall conform with the standards and guidelines set by the PSA, in consultation with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), to ensure the security, efficiency, and integrity of the authentication process;

**WHEREAS**, the fifth paragraph of Section 12 of the IRR of RA No. 11055 states that the requesting entity shall choose the suitable mode(s) of authentication, which may involve the use of multiple factors such as but not limited to, demographic information, biometric information, one-time password (OTP), and PhilID, for a particular service or transaction as per its requirement. PSA shall provide guidelines on authentication assurance levels based on international standards and best practices;

**WHEREAS**, the eighth paragraph of Section 12 of the IRR of RA No. 11055 states that the PhilSys may return a Yes/No response or demographic data including photograph, depending on the use case;

**WHEREAS**, last paragraph of Section 12 of the IRR of RA No. 11055 states that where the identity of the registered person is authenticated and established, the entity may request for PhilSys to provide the former's personal data for a legitimate, declared, and specific purpose. *Provided*, that the registered person was informed of the specific personal information that shall be disclosed and the use of such personal information that shall be limited to the specific purpose prior to disclosure thereof. *Provided further*, that the individual shall have given his or her prior consent to such disclosure of personal information. *Provided finally*, that said disclosure of personal data is covered by a data sharing agreement between the requesting party and the PSA;

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 of the IRR of RA No. 11055 elaborates that one of the mandates of PSA is to issue guidelines and undertake measures to ensure secure, reliable, and efficient authentication of PhilSys record upon the request of authorized government and private entities.

**WHEREAS**, based on and to satisfy the above-mentioned provisions of the PhilSys Act and its IRR, the PSA has established the following PhilSys-enabled services:

- 1) Basic Online Authentication, which shall return a Yes/No response;
- 2) Electronic Know-Your-Customer, which shall return predetermined demographic information and front-facing photograph upon successful Basic Online Authentication; and
- 3) PSN Token Matching, which facilitates seamless sharing and matching data between two or more Relying Parties.

**WHEREAS**, the PSA, in consultation with member-agencies of the Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) on Use Cases and Authentication, initially proposed a Tiered Onboarding Approach which will categorize Relying Parties into tiers that are based on the PhilSys - enabled services accessed. This is to ensure seamless and efficient onboarding of Relying Parties to PhilSys in consideration of the proportionality of requirements, legitimacy of purpose, and transparency, while ensuring responsibility of access;

**WHEREAS**, the Tiered Onboarding Approach shall further contribute to generating and managing the demand for adoption of the PhilSys-enabled services by the public and private sector;

**WHEREAS**, the Tiered Onboarding Approach elaborates that Relying Parties shall be categorized into tiers based on the level of access they have to the PhilSys Registry, as indicated by the PhilSys-enabled services they opted to avail;

**WHEREAS**, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IAC on Use Cases and Authentication last 27 April 2021, the group agreed to endorse the adoption of the Tiered Onboarding Approach for the PhilSys Use Cases to the Council for its initial consideration;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as part of the policy on the onboarding process of Relying Parties, the Council approves the adoption of the Tiered Onboarding Approach;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that PSA, pursuant to its mandate under Section 15 of RA No. 11055 and Section 15 of the IRR of RA No. 11055, shall develop a Tiered Onboarding Framework to serve as a guide for the implementation of the above-mentioned approach;






**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that PSA, through the IAC on Use Cases and Authentication, shall have other policy issuances, that are consistent with the PSA guidelines and/or frameworks, relevant to the Tiered Onboarding Approach such as but not limited to guidelines on tokenization and seeding, eKYC criteria and data to be shared, and fees;

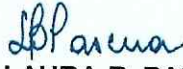
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that PSA shall disseminate an Information Note on PhilSys Use Cases which provides details on the Tiered Onboarding Approach and other relevant concepts as a reference for public or private institutions that are interested to become Relying Parties of the PhilSys;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the adoption of the Tiered Onboarding Approach and its implementation through the anticipated framework shall subscribe to Privacy by Design principles and strictly comply with RA No. 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and relevant issuances of the National Privacy Commission.

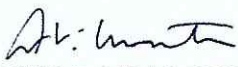
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