

Update on Pension Indexation for PCG Retirees under PD 1638 and RA 9993

Pensioners under PD 1638

The DBM has already approved the indexation of pension of PCG Retirees under PD 1638. Said indexation of pension will take effect for the month of October 2019. Further, the PCG has forwarded a request letter on 06 September 2019 to DOTr-Columbia GSD Records for the release of 4th Quarter Cash Allocation for Pension Fund. Said request letter was endorsed by the DOTr to DBM on 25 September 2019. Unfortunately, despite the continuous follow up of PCG, the said request has not yet been approved by DBM.

Further, the differential for the said indexation covering the period from June – September 2019 is on process and already forwarded to Coast Guard Finance Center for payroll registry. However, the payroll database of the said office is currently being customized/updated to accommodate the differential of the legal beneficiaries of late PCG pensioners.

Pensioners under RA 9993

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued a favorable opinion on the indexation of pension of PCG Retirees who retired from the PCG active service on 27 April 2010 onwards under RA 9993. Said opinion was thoroughly discussed in a DOJ letter dated 29 August 2019 addressed to DBM Acting Secretary Hon Wendel E Avisado wherein it states that:

“The Department (DOJ) is of the opinion that the retiring PCG uniformed personnel are entitled to have their pension indexed to the base pay of those in active service.”

With this development, the PCG has already started preparing pertinent documents such as the computation of differential of pensioners under RA 9993 for the period June to Dec 2019. Said documents will be used as supporting documents for the request of allocation of pension funds and approval of SARO to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).