CIRCULAR LETTER

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TO : All Heads of Departments/Agencies/State Universities and Colleges and Other Offices of the National Government, Budget Officers; Heads of Accounting Units, COA Auditors, Heads of Modified Disbursement System-Government Servicing Banks (MDS-GSBs) and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Modified Guidelines for the Payment of Retirement Gratuity and Terminal Leave (RG/TL) Benefits

1.0 Pursuant to Budget Circular No. 2013-1, dated April 12, 2013 (Guidelines Prescribing the Documentary Requirements and Procedures in Processing/Payment of Retirement Benefits of Government Employees) and Circular Letter No. 2011-15, dated December 26, 2011 (Validity of Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA)) the following are being observed in the issuance and crediting of NCAs for the payment of RG/TL benefits:

1.1 NCAs for the purpose shall be credited to Special MDS Sub-Accounts effective upon issuance; and

1.2 Shall be valid up to the last working day of the following month.

2.0 In line with the policy of maximizing the use of the available resources in FY 2018 and reducing the number of existing MDS sub-accounts, operating units (OUs) are directed to use their Regular MDS-Sub Accounts for payment of RG/TL benefits effective February 1, 2018.

2.1 The validity of NCAs issued for RG/TL shall thus be from the date of issuance of the NCA until the end of the quarter said NCA was issued.

2.2 All OUs concerned shall make the necessary coordination with their respective MDS Government Servicing Banks for the closing of their Special MDS Sub-Account.

3.0 All NCAs issued for RG/TL benefits prior to February 1, 2018 shall still follow the lapsing of one month after issuance.

4.0 It is understood that all OUs shall use the Advice to Debit Account (ADA) mode of payment in the settlement of RG/TL benefits.

5.0 All provisions of existing circulars and other issuances inconsistent with this Circular are hereby rescinded/repealed and/or modified accordingly.
6.0 Except as expressly repealed, or by necessary implication, modified by this Circular, the existing provisions regarding the documentary requirements for the processing of requests for payment of RG/TL Benefits, shall remain in full force and effect.

7.0 This Circular shall be effective immediately and remain to be in force unless otherwise repealed/amended.

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