



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE**

## ADVISORY

Amid the community quarantine being implemented across the country to avoid the spread of COVID-19, the **Bureau of Internal Revenue** would like to assure the public that it remains focused on raising through tax collections the much-needed revenues that the government needs to continuously fulfill its obligations to the people, especially now that we are facing health crisis.

All revenue offices, except those that might be ordered to close by LGUs due to localized lockdown, will **continuously be open** even during the 30-day period Community Quarantine in the National Capital Region from March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020.

However, to implement "social distancing" and lessen the chance of revenue personnel and the transacting taxpayers of getting exposed to corona virus, BIR offices are now temporarily operated by skeletal workforce and are implementing proper precautions like using of alcohol before coming inside the office, thermal scanning, etc. As such, we seek your cooperation and kind understanding of any inconvenience that said temporary setup may cause.

To help our skeletal workforce, who are putting their health at risk just for the Bureau to continuously function, and manage the big tasks at hand during this Income Tax filing season, **we urge all taxpayers to comply with tax obligations using the internet.** At the comfort of your homes, you may file **your Income Tax Returns online** using the Bureau's eBIRForms/eFPS and **pay the corresponding taxes online** using the payment channels, such as GCash, PayMaya, LandBank, Development Bank of the Philippines, Visa and Mastercard Credit Card. Please visit the BIR website, [www.bir.gov.ph](http://www.bir.gov.ph) to download the eBIRForms Package and for more information.

Moreover, the Bureau will establish **eFiling Centers** in the regional and district offices, and at the Covered Court of the Bureau's National Office Compound (for taxpayers under the jurisdiction of Revenue Region Nos. 5-Caloocan City, 6-Manila, 7A-Quezon City, 7B-East NCR, 8A-Makati, and 8B-South NCR) from March 28 to April 15, 2020, including two (2) Saturdays (March 28 and April 4, 2020) to serve taxpayers during the Income Tax filing season.

Taxes are indeed the lifeblood of the government. Let us all strive to strengthen it by giving our fair share of taxes.

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