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**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

Reference No. 20CRS02-07-1052

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-18**

TO : ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRARS  
(C/MCRs)

SUBJECT : Certificate of No Marriage Record (CENOMAR) as  
Mandatory Requirement for Legitimation

DATE : 17 July 2020

Under Memorandum Circular No. 2005-001 dated 08 April 2005 issued by then National Statistics Office (now Philippine Statistics Authority [PSA]), the CENOMAR was made an additional requirement to ensure that the parent/s of the child whose legitimation is being sought is free from a previous marriage. However, pursuant to the said Memorandum Circular, such requirement is not mandatory but only optional, to wit:

X X X

X X X

X X X

*In this respect, the concerned C/MCR **may** require the parties applying for legitimation to present a CENOMAR. x x x (emphasis and underscoring supplied)*

Thus, to prevent instances of approving legitimation of children, particularly with parents either of whom has an existing valid marriage with another person, the concerned C/MCR shall require the parties applying for legitimation to present a CENOMAR as a mandatory requirement, and forward a certified true copy of the said document to the Office of the Civil Registrar General for the processing of the same.



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Nevertheless, please be informed that the results of the status verification made by the PSA and the release of CENOMAR depend on the availability of the marriage records of the parents as of the date of issuance.

For your information and strict compliance.



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