



Republic of the Philippines  
City of Baguio  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 07 JUNE 2021

PRESENT:

Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer*;  
Hon. Joel A. Alangsab, *Member*;  
Hon. Benny O. Bomogao, *Member*;  
Hon. Betty Lourdes F. Tabanda, *Member*;  
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano, *Member*;  
Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member*;  
Hon. Isabelo B. Cosalan Jr., *Member*;  
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI, *Member*;  
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw, *Member*;  
Hon. Vladimir D. Cayabas, *Member*;  
Hon. Fred L. Bagbagen, *Member*;  
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;  
Hon. Philian Louise C. Weygan-Allan, *Member*;  
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Baguio City Chapter)*; and  
Hon. Levy Lloyd B. Orcales, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, Baguio City Chapter)*.

ABSENT:

None.

*Introduced by Hon. Vice-Mayor Faustino A. Olowan.*

**RESOLUTION Numbered 300**  
**(Series of 2021)**

**STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11261 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FIRST TIME JOBSEEKERS ASSISTANCE ACT", REITERATING ITS HIGHLIGHTS, AND INTENSIFYING ITS PUBLIC AWARENESS, AS MANDATED BY SAID LAW.**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11261 [An Act Waiving Government Fees and Charges in the Issuance of Documents Required in Application for Employment of First Time Jobseekers], was approved on 10 April 2019 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte which aims to promote full employment and equality of gainful work and opportunities for Filipino citizens by expanding accessibility to government services and providing incentives to improve access to employment. Pursuant thereto, all government agencies and instrumentalities including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and government hospitals shall not collect fees or charges from a first time jobseeker, provided, this fee or charge is in connection with the application for and the granting of license, proofs of identification, clearances, certificates or other documents required for employment;

WHEREAS, only first time jobseekers can avail of this said law. The term "first time jobseekers" is defined as "a Filipino citizen, who is actively seeking employment, locally or abroad, for the first time, as certified by the barangay of which he/she is a resident." The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of said law further characterize a first time jobseeker as those:

1. Graduates from all schools, colleges and universities, and learning institutions offering technical-vocational courses.  
For purposes of the IRR of said law, a graduate Filipino who finished an associate degree or a bachelor's degree from any college or university, or completed a technical-vocational course from any learning institution in the Philippines, as well as high school graduates who have completed the K-12 program;
2. An early school leaver or out-of-school youth (OSY);
3. A person not employed or engaged in education or training, who was not previously enrolled in any educational institution or who has not finished secondary education;
4. A student taking a leave of absence from an institution offering college or tertiary education or from a technical-vocational course; or
5. Any person intending to work while enrolled in any school, college, university or learning institution offering technical and vocational courses.

WHEREAS, the IRR further zeroes in on the persons eligible to avail of the provisions of this law. In particular, the applicant should be: (1) a Filipino citizen; (2) a first time jobseeker; (3) actively looking for employment; and (4) a resident of the barangay issuing the barangay certification for at least six (6) months. The barangay certification mentioned is actually a document required to prove one's eligibility to avail of the benefits of this act.

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WHEREAS, the provisions of said law do not extend to persons who are already beneficiaries of the Jobstart Philippines Program under Republic Act No. 10869 [An Act Institutionalizing the Nationwide Implementation of the Jobstart Philippines Program and Providing Funds Therefor], otherwise known as the "Jobstart Philippines Act", as well as those who are beneficiaries of other laws giving payment exemptions for the documents or transactions enumerated hereto;

WHEREAS, the law covers those documentary requirements issued by the government that may be required by employers from job applicants such as police clearance certificate, National Bureau Investigation (NBI) clearance, barangay clearance, medical certificate, birth certificate, marriage certificate, transcript of academic records issued by state colleges and universities, tax identification number (TIN), and unified multi-purpose identification (UMID) card;

WHEREAS, it specifically stated that some documents collected in connection with specific applications are not within the ambit of the said law, as follows: (1) an application to take a professional licensure examination; (2) an application for a Philippine passport authentication and red ribbon documents from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA); (3) application for a Career Service Examination with the Civil Service Commission (CSC); and (4) an application for a driver's license from the Land Transportation Office (LTO). Thus, the government can still collect fees and charges from persons obtaining documents for the above-mentioned purposes;

WHEREAS, for smoother implementation of this program, the government agencies concerned are mandated to maintain and update a roster of all individuals who have been issued documents free of charge under this Act which roster shall be regularly submitted to the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). The DICT in turn is required to compile a database which should be readily accessible to all relevant agencies. Besides the database, the Act also created an inter-agency committee composed of the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as Chairperson, and the heads of the CSC, DICT, Department of Finance (DoF), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Youth Commission (NYC), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as members. Further, each relevant government agency is tasked to take specific steps for a more effective implementation of this law;

WHEREAS, persons who are found guilty of fabrication or falsification shall be liable under the Revised Penal Code (RPC). Disputes arising from the implementation of this Act may be brought to the attention of the head of the agency concerned via a complaint filed by the first time jobseeker. Finally, it is provided that in all cases, ambiguities in the interpretation of the provisions shall be interpreted in favor of the applicant or the first time jobseeker; and

WHEREAS, all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Baguio are hereby mandated to carry-out the spirit and intention of Republic Act No. 11261 as well as this Resolution including the same as one of their agenda during their General Assembly meetings as part of public's awareness campaign:

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Cayabas, duly seconded, be it


RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to strongly support the effective implementation of Republic Act No. 11261 otherwise known as the "First Time Jobseekers Assistance Act", reiterating its highlights, and intensifying its public awareness, as mandated by said law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Baguio, the Public Information Office under the City Mayor's Office, and all relevant government agencies for information and appropriate action.

Adopted.

Hon. Ortega VI was out of the Session Hall during the deliberation and voting on the matter.

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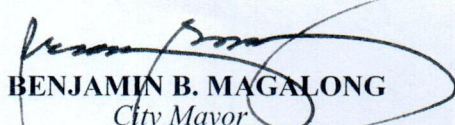
  
**FAUSTINO A. OLOWAN**  
City Vice-Mayor and  
Presiding Officer

JUN 14 2021

Attested:

**BRENNER L. BENGWAYAN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTED:

  
**BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG**  
City Mayor

17 JUN 2021

To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge  
(Elementary & Secondary)  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

**FEDERICO P. MARTIN, EdD, CEEd, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

  
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