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## **NEWS/PRESS RELEASE**

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## **PDIC grants relief measure for corporate and closed banks' clients**

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) announced the grant of payment relief for its clients, with payments for loans, real property purchases and lease, falling due during the enhanced community quarantine period.

The payment relief supports the Government's efforts to implement measures and programs providing assistance to individuals and parties adversely affected by the slowdown in economic activities during the enhanced community quarantine period.

The payment relief shall commence on March 15, 2020 and shall be effective for the entire duration of the quarantine period as determined by the President of the Philippines.

Borrowers who have scheduled payments, including downpayments, are not obligated to settle their accounts during this period. Borrowers who have loans with monthly amortizations, are given one month extension in the term of their loan. They can thus, settle their payments due, without penalty charges, one month from the lifting of the quarantine period. All subsequent amortization schedules will also be adjusted by a month. Borrowers who have loans under quarterly, semestral, and annual amortizations or lump-sum payments, have one month grace period, reckoned from the lifting of the community quarantine, to settle their accounts without penalty charges.

Real property buyers, with payments, including downpayments, due during the quarantine period are likewise not required to pay the amounts due during the said period. Those who pay monthly installments are given one month extension in the

term of their obligation and may thus, settle payments due without penalty charges, within one month from lifting of the enhanced community quarantine period. Subsequent installment schedules shall also be adjusted by one month. Those with quarterly, semestral, and annual amortizations, or lump-sum payments, are given one month grace period reckoned from lifting of the enhanced community quarantine period, to settle their payments due without penalty charges.

Meanwhile, lease payments falling due during the quarantine period are given a grace period of one month from the lifting of community quarantine to pay without penalty charges. However, they may opt to pay such amount due within the remaining term of the lease contract, divided pro-rata, without penalty charges.

As for clients who have issued post-dated checks to cover payments for loans, property acquisitions and lease, the PDIC said that these checks will be transacted one month after the lifting of the quarantine period, consistent with the terms of the payment relief, and knowing fully well that cash intended to fund these checks will be used by clients to cover for their basic and other needs at this time.

For more information, clients may send an e-mail to the PDIC Public Assistance Department at [pad@pdic.gov.ph](mailto:pad@pdic.gov.ph) or send a private message to PDIC's official Facebook account, [www.facebook.com/OfficialPDIC](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialPDIC).

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*The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) was established on June 22, 1963 by Republic Act 3591 to provide depositor protection and help maintain stability in the financial system by providing deposit insurance. Effective June 1, 2009, the maximum deposit insurance coverage is PhP500,000 per depositor. All deposit accounts by a depositor in a closed bank maintained in the same right and capacity shall be added together. A joint account shall be insured separately from any individually-owned deposit account.*

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