

As per **Republic Act No. 9994** (Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010) and **Republic Act No. 10645**, senior citizens in the Philippines are entitled to the following benefits and privileges:

## 1. Health or medical privileges.

- ☐ 20% discount and VAT exemption on the purchase of:
  - ❖ Generic and brand medicines (plus 50% discount if the medicine is for a top chronic disease like diabetes or cancer)
  - ❖ Influenza (flu) and pneumococcal vaccines
  - ❖ Vitamins and minerals supplements (with doctor's prescription)
  - ❖ Medical supplies and equipment (e.g., eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, crutches, wheelchairs, canes, geriatric diapers, etc.)
  - ❖ Medical devices (with doctor's prescription)
  - ❖ Medical and dental services in private facilities
  - ❖ Diagnostic laboratory tests (e.g., X-Rays, CT scans, and blood tests) requested by the physician in private facilities
  - ❖ Professional fees of attending physicians (private hospital/facilities/clinics)
  - ❖ Professional fees of licensed health workers providing home health care services as endorsed by hospitals or employed through home health care employment agencies.
  - ❖ Medical and dental services, diagnostic and laboratory fees, and professional fees of attending physicians/other health professionals (pay sections of government hospitals/health facilities)
  
- ☐ FREE on the following services (if availed in government hospitals/facilities/clinics):
  - ❖ Medical and dental services
  - ❖ Diagnostic and laboratory services
  - ❖ Professional fees
  - ❖ Influenza (flu) virus and pneumococcal vaccinations

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# **Senior Citizen Discounts and Benefits**

## *Summarized Checklist*

### ☐ Free and mandatory PhilHealth coverage

Seniors don't have to pay PhilHealth contributions. They are automatically qualified to avail of the following PhilHealth benefits, together with their qualified dependent/s:

- ❖ Inpatient hospital care
- ❖ Day/Ambulatory services
- ❖ Special benefits for catastrophic cases referred to as Z-benefits
- ❖ Tuberculosis Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course (TB-DOTS) package
- ❖ Animal bite package
- ❖ Malaria package
- ❖ Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment package
- ❖ Blood transfusion package
- ❖ Maternity and newborn care package
- ❖ Normal spontaneous delivery package
- ❖ Prenatal care package
- ❖ Benefits for voluntary contraceptive surgical procedures
- ❖ Primary care benefit package: Tamang Serbisyo sa Kalusugan ng Pamilya (Tsekap)
- ❖ No Balance Billing Policy (NBBP) provided the senior citizen is confined in accredited government health care facilities, subject to applicable rules for NBB availment
- ❖ Forty-five (45) days of confinement coverage every calendar year while declared qualified dependents shall share among themselves another 45 days of confinement every calendar year

## **2. Transportation privileges.**

### ☐ 20% discount and VAT exemption on the fare of the following:

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- ❖ Domestic air and sea travel (including advance booking)
  - ❖ Public railways (MRT, LRT, and PNR), both on Single Journey and Stored Value Tickets
  - ❖ Public Utility buses, jeepneys, taxis, and shuttle services
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- ☐ Special seat behind the train operator's cabin (MRT, LRT, and PNR)
  - ☐ Priority lane in airline check-in counters
  - ☐ Exemption from payment of passenger terminal fees in airports and seaports

### **3. Travel, entertainment, and recreation.**

- ☐ 20% discount and VAT exemption on the following:
  - ❖ Hotel room accommodation and amenities
  - ❖ Restaurant food, drinks, and other consumable items (also applies to take-out, drive-thru, and delivery orders provided the senior personally makes the order and presents the senior card)
  - ❖ Public sports facilities and equipment (fees, charges, and rental)
  - ❖ Admission fees in culture, leisure, and amusement places (e.g., concert halls, museums, parks, movie houses, theaters)

### **4. Utility discounts.**

- ☐ 5% discount on monthly electricity (Meralco) and water bills, provided that:
  - ❖ The meter is registered in the name of the senior citizen
  - ❖ The monthly consumption doesn't exceed 100kWh of electricity and 30 cubic meters of water

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- ☐ 50% discount on all electricity (Meralco), water, and telephone consumption for senior citizens centers/residential care institutions/group homes, provided that:

- ❖ The establishment is DSWD-accredited
- ❖ The establishment is either government-run or a non-stock non-profit domestic corporation
- ❖ The establishment has been in operation for at least 6 months

### **5. Taxation.**

- ☐ VAT (Value Added Tax) exemption
- ☐ Individual income tax exemption, provided the senior citizen is a minimum wage earner

### **6. Basic necessities and prime commodities.**

Senior citizens can avail of the 5% discount when purchasing goods in grocery stores, convenience stores, and supermarkets, but not in sari-sari stores and public and private wet markets. Only a total of Php 1,300 can be purchased per week.

- ☐ 5% discount on the purchase of the following basic necessities:

- ❖ All kinds of variants of rice
- ❖ Corn
- ❖ All kinds of bread (pastries and cakes not included)
- ❖ Fresh, dried, and canned fish, and other marine products (including frozen and in various mode of packaging)

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- ❖ Fresh pork, beef, and poultry meat
- ❖ All kinds of fresh eggs (excluding quail eggs)
- ❖ Potable water in bottles and containers
- ❖ Fresh and processed milk (excluding milk labeled as a food supplement)
- ❖ Fresh vegetables including root crops
- ❖ Fresh fruits
- ❖ Locally manufactured instant noodles
- ❖ Coffee and coffee creamer
- ❖ All kinds of sugar and (excluding artificial sweetener)
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ All kinds of cooking oil
- ❖ Powdered, liquid, bar laundry, and detergent soap
- ❖ Firewood, charcoal, all kinds of candles
- ❖ Liquified petroleum gas, not more than 11 kgs, LPG content once every five months bought from LPG dealers
- ❖ Kerosene, not more than 2 liters per month

☐ 5% discount on the purchase of the following prime commodities:

- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Dried, processed and canned pork, beef and poultry meat
- ❖ Dairy products
- ❖ Onions and garlic
- ❖ Vinegar, patis and soy sauce
- ❖ Toilet/bath and soap
- ❖ Fertilizer, Pesticides, Herbicides
- ❖ Poultry feeds, livestock feeds, and fishery feeds
- ❖ Veterinary products
- ❖ Paper, school supplies
- ❖ Nipa shingles
- ❖ Sawali
- ❖ Cement, Clinker, GI Sheets
- ❖ Hollow blocks

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- ❖ Plywood, plyboard, construction nails
- ❖ Batteries (excluding cell phone and automotive batteries)
- ❖ Electrical supplies and light bulbs
- ❖ Steel wires

### **7. Government assistance.**

- ☐ Information and matching services for potential employment opportunities
- ☐ Free livelihood training programs
- ☐ Formal and non-formal education provided by DepEd, the DOST-TRC, and TESDA
- ☐ Social services for senior citizens
- ☐ Housing units for the elderly
- ☐ Strict implementation of courtesy space and seats for the exclusive use of senior citizens in all transport systems
- ☐ Social pension amounting to five hundred pesos (Php 500) per month for indigent senior citizens.

### **8. Funeral and burial services.**

- ☐ 20% discount and VAT exemption on the purchase/payment of the following:
  - ❖ Casket or urn
  - ❖ Embalming services
  - ❖ Cremation
  - ❖ Viewing or wake cost
  - ❖ Pick-up from the hospital morgue
  - ❖ Transport of the body to the intended burial site in the place of origin

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- ☐ Death benefit assistance worth Php 2,000 for the nearest surviving relative who took care of the deceased indigent senior citizen.

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