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Bayanihan to Heal As One Act Frequently Asked Questions

Item #	Question	Answer
1	What is RA 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act (“ <i>Bayanihan Act</i> ”)?	<p>It is an Act declaring the existence of a national emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and which grants the President of the Republic of the Philippines the power to adopt temporary emergency measures to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p>One of the powers granted to the President is to direct all financial institutions to provide its borrowers a 30-day grace period to pay their loans. The President, through the Department of Finance, issued the rules and regulations to implement said power.</p>
2	What is/are the pertinent provisions of the Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (“ <i>IRR</i> ”) to borrowers of the bank?	<p>The act provides for a mandatory 30-day grace period for all loans with principal and/or interest falling due within the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) period. The ECQ period is from March 17 to April 12, 2020.</p> <p>However, the President has since extended the ECQ Period to <u>May 15, 2020</u></p>
3	Are both late payment and finance charges waived during the extended grace period?	<p>Yes. Penalty for late payment, interest on interest, fees and other charges are waived during the grace period.</p>

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4	Will this apply to both current and past due accounts?	Yes, this is applicable to both current and past due loan accounts
5	Will ADA processing and presentment of PDC be put on hold during the ECQ period?	These will be put on hold for the remaining term of the ECQ period. Otherwise, the borrower needs to inform the bank if he prefers to proceed his payment.
6	If my PDC was pulled out, when will the bank deposit back the check?	The PDC will be deposited on the next amortization date following the grace period and ECQ period.
7	If my PDC corresponding to my payment/s due within the ECQ period has already been deposited but bounced due to inability to fund my account, can I recover the clearing and processing charges arising from this?	Please get in touch with your drawee bank for request on refund of the charges for fund insufficiency.
8	Will the interest incurred during the ECQ period be waived?	Standard interest computation will apply based on the outstanding Principal and the no. of days of the amortization period. Only the penalty and interest on interest (compounded interest), fees and other charges will be waived.
9	Will the late payment charges automatically be waived or do the client need to make a request for the waiver?	For those qualified for the grace period, penalties, fees, and other charges are automatically waived and the borrower need not apply or request for bank approval.
10	If I got debited already for my payment, can it still be credited back to me?	Within grace period, PNB shall coordinate with its borrowers if they wish to be refunded (free of charge) with checks cleared or payments debited before the enactment of the Bayanihan Act and its IRR. However, you may advise the bank for the request for refund.
11	With the extension of the ECQ period, will the 30-day grace period apply to amortizations until May 15?	Yes. The Initial 30-day grace period shall automatically be extended if the ECQ period is extended by the President of the Philippines pursuant to the Bayanihan Law.
12	Do I need to request for the mandatory grace period from the bank?	No, the grace period will be automatically applied to all loan accounts

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13	When will the grace period commence?	The 30-day grace period, (currently the extended grace period) will commence on the due date of the loan falling within the ECQ period
14	If I choose not to avail of the grace period, may I do so?	Yes, you have the option of paying your amortization on your due date You also have an option of paying the accrued interest (as discussed in question no. 8) for the extended grace period.
15	Will I be billed with 2 amortizations after the extended grace period?	No. Only 1 amortization will be billed on your next due date.
16	If I am unable to pay immediately upon the expiration of the grace period, will I be penalized?	If you are unable to pay immediately upon the expiration of the 30-day grace period, and your next due date is beyond the ECQ period, then you will be charged with penalty fees.
17.	Am I required to pay additional Documentary Stamp Tax (DST) as a result of the 30-day (now, extended) grace period?	No additional DST shall be imposed a result of the grace period. No DST shall also be imposed on credit extensions and credit restructuring during the ECQ period.