

## **Pag-IBIG to household employers: register *kasambahays* by December 2014**

The Pag-IBIG Fund has issued a reminder to employers of household workers to register their *kasambahays* as members of Pag-IBIG Fund by [December 29](#) of this year.

“We want all Filipino workers, including *kasambahays*, to experience the many benefits of Pag-IBIG membership. That’s why we have been stepping up our efforts to have *kasambahays* registered with Pag-IBIG and to make such registration as easy and as hassle-free as possible. To give enough time for employers to register their *kasambahays*, the Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees extended the registration period up to the last working day of 2014. Beyond this date, employers will already be penalized for registering their *kasambahays* late,” said Pag-IBIG Fund Chairman of the Board, Vice President Jejomar C. Binay.

Pag-IBIG Fund President and CEO Atty. Darlene Marie B. Berberabe added, “upon registration, employers will be asked to remit the monthly membership contributions of their *kasambahay* from the first month after the date of employment of the latter, or June 4, 2013 when the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the “*Kasambahay Law*” took effect, whichever comes later, up to the actual date of settlement. We encourage employers to register their *kasambahays* before the deadline to avoid penalties on the amount due.”

In December 2013, Pag-IBIG formally launched, with Social Security System and PhilHealth, the *Kasambahay* Unified Registration System (KURS), a unified system of registering *kasambahays* and their employers with the three government agencies, as mandated in the “*Kasambahay Law*.” Registering with one agency now enables the *kasambahays* and their employers to be registered simultaneously with all three agencies, eliminating the need to go to each of the three agencies to register. The forms required for registration of employers and their *kasambahays* are downloadable from Pag-IBIG’s corporate website: [www.pagibigfund.gov.ph](http://www.pagibigfund.gov.ph).

“As of January 2014, Pag-IBIG has 22,723 *kasambahays* among its 13.5 million members. Their Pag-IBIG membership entitles them to benefits such as access to our housing loan and short-term loan programs, as well as to Pag-IBIG’s savings programs,” added Atty. Berberabe.

Employers paying their *kasambahay* less than P1,500 a month should pay their *kasambahay’s* monthly membership contributions to Pag-IBIG equivalent to 3% of the *kasambahay’s* salary. For employers paying P1,500 to P4,999, they should pay 4% of their *kasambahay’s* salary.

*Kasambahays* earning less than P5,000 do not have to pay any contributions with Pag-IBIG because their employers will shoulder their membership contributions. *Kasambahays* earning at least P5,000 should pay 2% employee or personal share, worth P100. Their employers should also pay 2% employer share, also worth P100. (end)