



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Office of the Court Administrator  
Manila

**CIRCULAR No. 77-97**

**TO:** ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, JUDGES, AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, AND SHARI'A COURTS

**SUBJECT:** A. Payment of Integrated Contributions Under Republic Act No. 8291 (Amending C.A. 186, as amended by P.D. 1146)

B. Payment of Arrearages Based on the New Rates of Contribution Which Took Effect Retroactively on June 24, 1997

In view of the enactment on June 24, 1997 of R.A. 8291, otherwise known as "The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Act of 1997" (which amended C.A. 186 as amended by P. D. 1146), as implemented by GSIS Circular No. 4-97 dated June 25, 1997, all officials and employees of the OCAd as well as the Judges and court personnel of the RTC, SDC, MeTC, MTCC, MTC, MCTC, and the SCC, irrespective of the status of their appointments, are now mandatorily subject to the increased rates of monthly GSIS integrated contributions as specified in the following schedule:

Monthly Compensation	Percentages of Monthly Compensation Payable by the Employee-Member	Employer' Share
I. For the 1 <sup>st</sup> P10,000.00 and below	9.0%	12%
II. In excess of P10,000.00	2.0%	12%

(Attached and made an integral part of this Circular is a copy of GSIS Circular No. 4-97.)

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The Circular made the enforcement of these new rates of contributions retroactive to the effectivity date of R.A. 8291, that is on June 24, 1997. Consequently, all those covered by the Act have incurred arrearages beginning on June 24, 1997. Under the Circular, we are required to liquidate our arrears, without interest, between the periods of January to March 1998. However, to minimize the impact of the collection of these arrearages, we have decided to begin deducting the new rates of contributions in November 1997. The corresponding deductions for the payment of the arrears which have accumulated from June 24 to October 31, 1997, will be evenly made from December 1997 to March 1998.

Please be guided accordingly.

October 27, 1997.



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