



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 23-2021

**TO: ALL CONCERNED CLERKS OF COURT  
(EXECUTIVE CLERKS OF COURT, OFFICE  
OF THE CLERKS OF COURT AND BRANCH  
CLERKS OF COURT)**

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF OCA CIRCULAR NO. 61-2020 ON  
THE ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES  
PURSUANT TO A.M. NO. 04-7-02-SC (Guidelines on  
Corporate Surety Bonds)**

Considering the persistent challenges that the surety companies encounter in securing clearances from the lower courts nationwide due to the Covid-19 pandemic, compliance with OCA Circular No. 61-2020 dated 14 February 2020 is hereby **SUSPENDED until further notice**. The procedure being followed prior to the issuance of the said circular shall be observed.

All Clerks of Court, however, are directed to ensure, before issuing clearance certificates, that all surety companies transacting business in their respective areas of jurisdiction have no outstanding obligations pertaining to forfeited bonds.

For strict compliance.

11 February 2021

  
**JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ**  
Court Administrator