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Title :	Directions for Granting Medical, Emergency and Funeral Assistance to Overseas Compatriot, Overseas Community Affairs Council, R.O.C. (TAIWAN) 
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Legislative :	1.Promulgated by Order of OCAC No. (84)840007142 dated April 19, 1995. 2.Amended by Order of OCAC No.09430469682 dated January 9, 2006(revised directions take into force from January 9, 2006) 3.Amended by Order of OCAC No.10201019554 dated July 29, 2013(revised directions take into force from July 29, 2013)
Content :	<p>1.The Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) stipulated these Directions to extend its care and express its consolation to overseas compatriots in incidents related to medical treatment, emergency events, and funerals.</p> <p>2.Overseas compatriots, when returning to the country for residency, sightseeing or visiting relatives, if they encounter emergency events that lead to one of the following circumstances, can submit an application to the OCAC, and the OCAC shall grant consolation grant within the budget.</p> <p>(1)Being hospitalized due to an illness or an injury, causing a heavy economic burden.</p> <p>(2)Experiencing a force majeure event or a natural disaster, causing huge economic losses.</p> <p>(3)Death.</p> <p>3.Persons eligible for applying for consolation grant according to the Directions are as follows:</p> <p>(1)Persons applying for consolation grant according to subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Direction shall be the overseas compatriot himself/herself or his/her agent.</p> <p>(2)Persons applying for consolation grant according to subparagraph 3 of the preceding Direction shall be the overseas compatriot's legal heir. In the case the overseas compatriot has multiple legal heirs, all of the heirs shall submit the application together or one of the heirs should submit the application on behalf of all.</p> <p>4.Persons applying for consolation grant according to the Directions shall fill out the application form within three months of the day of the emergency event and submit the following documents to the OCAC.</p> <p>(1)Persons applying for consolation grant according to subparagraph 1 of Direction 2 shall submit the following documents:</p> <p>a.Documentary proof of overseas compatriot identity (e.g. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate, birth certificate, documentary proof of overseas residency, documentary proof of parents' citizenship).</p> <p>b.Certificate of diagnosis and receipts of medical expenses issued by medical service institutions.</p> <p>c.Passport, entry permit, identification card and their photocopies. The original document will be returned after verification.</p> <p>(2)Persons applying for consolation grant according to subparagraph 2 of Direction 2 shall submit the following documents:</p> <p>a.Documentary proof of overseas compatriot identity (e.g. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate, birth certificate, documentary proof of overseas residency, documentary proof of parents' citizenship).</p>

- b.Documentary proof of losses caused by a force majeure event or a natural disaster.
  - c.Passport, entry permit, identification card and their photocopies. The original document will be returned after verification.
- (3)Persons applying for consolation grant according to subparagraph 3 of Direction 2 shall submit the following documents:
- a.Documentary proof of overseas compatriot identity (e.g. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate, birth certificate, documentary proof of overseas residency, documentary proof of parents' citizenship).
  - b.Death certificate.
  - c.Passport, entry permit, identification card and their photocopies. The original document will be returned after verification.
  - d.Documentary proof of the legal inheritance relations between the applicant(s) and the overseas compatriot.
- In the case the application is submitted by an agent according to subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding paragraph, a letter of authorization shall be provided.
- A Chinese and English translation shall be provided when the documents submitted are in a foreign language.
- 5.The payment standards for consolation grant granted according to the Directions are as follows:
- (1)Applicants of subparagraph 1 of Direction 2: If the medical expense is less than NT\$100,000, applicants shall receive consolation grant between NT\$1,000 and NT\$5,000, but not exceeding the amount of the medical expense. If the medical expense is more than NT\$100,000, applicants shall receive consolation grant between NT\$5,000 and NT\$10,000.
  - (2)Applicants of subparagraph 2 of Direction 2: Shall receive consolation grant between NT\$1,000 and NT\$10,000.
  - (3)Applicants of subparagraph 3 of Direction 2: Shall receive consolation grant of NT\$10,000.
- 6.Overseas compatriot groups that are registered with the OCAC and are located in countries or regions without ROC overseas representative office, when setting up a fund to assist overseas compatriots with emergency events such as medical treatment or funeral, may apply to the OCAC for a grant.
- When applying for grant according to the preceding paragraph, a detailed proposal, funding requirements, and related documents shall be submitted to the OCAC through the ROC overseas representative office that has jurisdiction. The OCAC shall award a grant based on its annual budget, and the subsidy shall be awarded only once.
- Grant awarded by the OCAC shall not be used for purposes other than addressing emergency events and disaster relief. When submitting a funding report, a list of Income and Expenditure List for OCAC Public Funds Grants to Groups and Individuals shall be sent to the OCAC for write off through the ROC overseas representative office in the consular jurisdiction.
- Additionally, every year at the end of January, the receiver of a grant shall submit a business report of the previous calendar year, a financial statement, the documentary proof of the fund saving and related documents to the ROC overseas representative office in the consular jurisdiction for review purpose.
- The fund manager shall receive inspection on the management and usages of the fund by the ROC overseas representative office in the consular jurisdiction on an irregular basis, so as to ensure the appropriateness of each expense.
- 7.In the case the application contains any false statements or has been

submitted more than one time, the OCAC shall revoke its permission and ask for the return of consolation grant granted. The OCAC shall not accept the applicant' s application for two years from the applicant being found out to have committed such conduct. In the case where criminal offenses are involved, the applicant shall be referred to judicial departments for investigation.

Regulations on revoking the permission and asking for the return of consolation grant specified in the preceding paragraph shall be listed as supplementary provisions by the OCAC when awarding consolation grant.

8. In general, each overseas compatriot shall only be awarded consolation grant once due to the same reason. In the case of special circumstances, the OCAC shall award consolation grant with special permission case by case.

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