

## **83 pass DOF-BLGF's level 2 local treasury certification**

The Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) has released the list of 83 passers out of 233 examinees of the Intermediate Competency on Local Treasury Examination (ICLTE) conducted by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) last November 26, 2017.

The ICLTE, focusing on strategic-managerial competencies, is the Level 2 examination requirement of DOF-BLGF's Standardized Examination and Assessment for Local Treasury Service (SEAL) Program.

The ICLTE requires passing first the Level 1 Exam, or the Basic Competency on Local Treasury Examination (BCLTE), which is also administered by the CSC.

The SEAL Program aims to professionalize the local treasury service, pursuant to DOF Department Order No. 056.2016, issued by Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III.

Andresito O. Jocsing, Financial Analyst III of the BLGF Regional Office No. VI, topped the exam with 87.61 rating, followed by Lloyd V. Tanaga, Acting Municipal Treasurer of Pres. Manuel Roxas, Zamboanga del Norte (Region IX) with 86.48 rating. Tied for third place are Gina R. David, City Treasurer of Ligao City (Region V) and Edmar C. Luna, City Treasurer of San Fernando City, La Union (Region I), both with 86.2 rating.

Region VI yielded the most number of successful examinees (12), followed by Region III (10) and Region IV (9).

Completing the top 10 are Julaida T. Caddawan-Pancho, Provincial Treasurer of Apayao (CAR) in fourth place with a rating of 85.63, and sharing the fifth rank with a rating of 85.35 are Raissa L. Bayani, Acting Municipal Treasurer of Magalang, Pampanga (Region III), Annie G. Beltran, Acting Assistant City Treasurer of Tagum City, Davao del Norte (Region XI), and Amy Grace O. Bolivar, City Treasurer of San Carlos City, Negros Occidental (Region VI).

Ranked sixth is Harriet I. Florencio - 84.79, Municipal Treasurer of Burauen, Leyte (Region VIII), followed by Augusto Ceasar E. Ermino - 84.51, Assistant Municipal Treasurer of Gubat, Sorsogon (Region V). In eighth place is Jinky H. Ladia - 84.23, Assistant City Treasurer of Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur (Region XIII) and followed by Mary Joan V. Montaña - 83.94, Head of Internal Audit Services Office, Iloilo City (Region V).

The tenth place, with a rating of 83.66, is shared by Luis Y. Del Mundo, Jr., Chief of Legal & Election Services of Manila City Treasurer's Office (NCR), Cynthia G. Faurillo, Local Treasury Operations Officer IV of BLGF BLGF Regional Office No. V, and Roel T. Visitacion, Acting Assistant City Treasurer of Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental (Region X).

Under Department Order No. 053.2016, the DOF has set additional standards, qualifications and benchmarks for competencies of local treasurers and assistant treasurers who are appointed by the Secretary of Finance, and are under the technical and administrative supervision of the BLGF.

The SEAL program focuses on tactical-operational competencies (Level 1), strategic-managerial competencies (Level 2), and leading-for-innovation competencies (Level 3) to instill a culture of excellence, integrity and proficiency for modern local treasury service.

Passing the BCLTE will lead to Local Treasurer Eligibility (LTE), which shall be an equivalent eligibility to the second level or first grade eligibilities, such as the Career Service Professional and the eligibility granted under Republic Act No. 1080.

The BCLTE is a requirement in DOF's SEAL Level 1 Certification for designations of local treasurers and assistant local treasurers effective June 2018. It will also have weight in the evaluation of candidates for appointment of local treasurers.

The ICLTE, which will also be an annual exam, is a requirement for the DOF's SEAL Level 2 Certification, and will be appropriate for appointment to higher positions in the local treasury service, particularly for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class local governments.

As a promotional exam, the ICLTE requires passing first the BCLTE and may also be applicable for positions under the Financial Services in the civil service, which do not require the practice of profession and are not covered by Bar/Board or Special Laws, subject to meeting all the qualification requirements of the positions.

This year, the SEAL Level 3 Certification, or the Advance Competency for Local Treasury Examination (ACLTE), will be piloted to certify an individual's competencies to lead and innovate local treasury operations, which is appropriate for Special, 1st Class and Highly Urbanized Cities, and 1st income class provinces.

The DOF, through the BLGF, will issue the individual certification of rating of all ICLTE examinees, through the BLGF Central and Regional Offices. Examinees are advised to regularly check updates from the BLGF Website and Official Facebook Page.