

ALL AROUND CARD Online registration launched for 'QCitizen' ID

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THE Quezon City government on Thursday launched the online registration for its "QCitizen" ID that can be used to access various services including the QCity Bus, health and other social services.



The QCitizen ID is a unified ID for all residents that will also replace the existing senior citizen, solo parent and persons with disability (PWDs) IDs overtime, according to City Administrator Mike Alimurung.

Existing IDs, however, would continue to be valid in the interim, he said in a statement.

"The QCitizen ID will enable us to provide better services to citizens and allocate resources more efficiently," the city official said. "It will also be used to determine the priority list for the distribution of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccine."

Alimurung said those interested must first create an account on the city government's E-Services portal before they can apply for the QCitizen ID.

For those without internet access, the city will conduct an in-person, on-the-ground registration drive in villages in the coming weeks.

"A resident cannot use a single QC E-Services account to register for multiple QCitizen IDs. A family member cannot use their own account to register parents or other relatives. They all have to register separately," he said.

Those eligible to sign up are residents who have a government issued ID or barangay certificate.

The city government will provide all residents with a QCitizen ID number and digital ID, but only those 15 years old and above will be given a free physical ID card. The digital version of the ID can be accessed via the QCitizen App, which is available on Google Playstore and Apple App Store.

Mayor Josefina Belmonte announced that the on-the-ground registration will be piloted in Barangay Central on January 15. "The registration will give importance to those who are on the priority list for the Covid-19 vaccine — senior citizens, PWDs and frontliners," Belmonte said.

The city government recently signed a tripartite agreement with the National Task Force against Covid-19 and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Philippines for the advance purchase of Covid-19 vaccines for its citizens.