

## LTO Driver's License and NBI Clearance Renewal

How I renewed my LTO driver's license and NBI clearance. Here is the story:

I celebrated my birthday last week and it was also the expiration of my driver's license. I also had to get a new clearance from the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) as a requirement for my job application. So I went to Legazpi City this morning to get these two important papers. My father volunteered to drive the motorcycle, so we left at 6:45am and we traveled for one hour. I still had no sleep because I stayed up last night until the next day. That's what happens when you get a sleeping disorder owing to the grave yard shifts I had back when I was still working as a call center agent in Makati.

First, I went to LTO (Land Transportation Office) at 8am to save more time because my goal was to complete them before lunch break. This is the first thing to consider when dealing with a government agency. You must be early since a lot of people are doing this everyday. Plus Philippine government employees are known to have the eleven o'clock disease, which makes them move like a turtle when this time strikes. They want to take their lunch early so they can have a long break. They usually resume the processing of documents at one o'clock. The disease usually strikes again at four o'clock due to their willingness to go home early. The LTO supports the Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Law. This law is aimed to abolish the fixers in this department. That is a laudable move of the government but I noticed that this isn't the case. I observed that there were still fixers roaming around the premises to find their victims. I remember when my friend told me that he was asked to pay P1200 to get his license renewed.



Driver's License Sample

Here are the payments I made in Pesos:

### Medical Fees:

Drug Test = 300.00

Medical Clearance = 100.00

## **LTO Fees:**

License Fee = 350.00

Penalty Late Renewal = 75.00

Revision of Records = 100.00

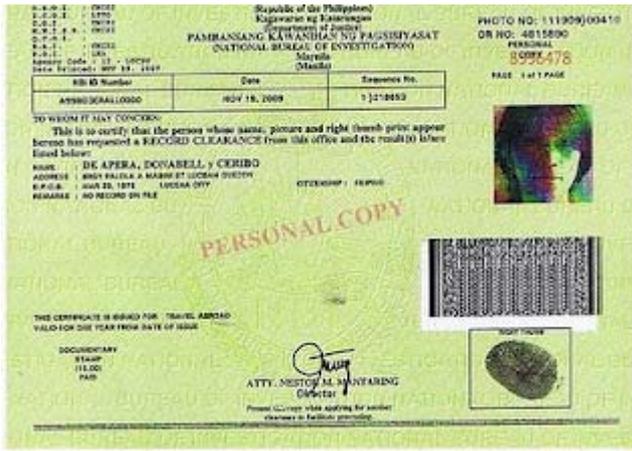
Computer Fee = 67.63

**TOTAL:** 992.63

The funny thing was when the medical agent told me to urinate in a bottle for the drug testing, there was only a little came out because I forgot to remind myself to save my urine for this process. I already peed the moment I came to the office. So I had to do something to force my system to urinate. The lady told me to drink a bottle of beer to trigger my member to fill up the container. Imagine the feeling of being tipsy and sleepy at the same time. The people at the convenience store were staring at me like I was a brokenhearted guy. Then when I went back to the clinic, I already had my medical certificate saying that I was hefty. They meant what? Dr. Nathaniel B. Rempillo made a diagnosis without first diagnosing me? Haha! See what I mean? Hey doc! Is this what you learned from your school? This is the first time I encountered a magician doctor. Wow only in the Philippines!

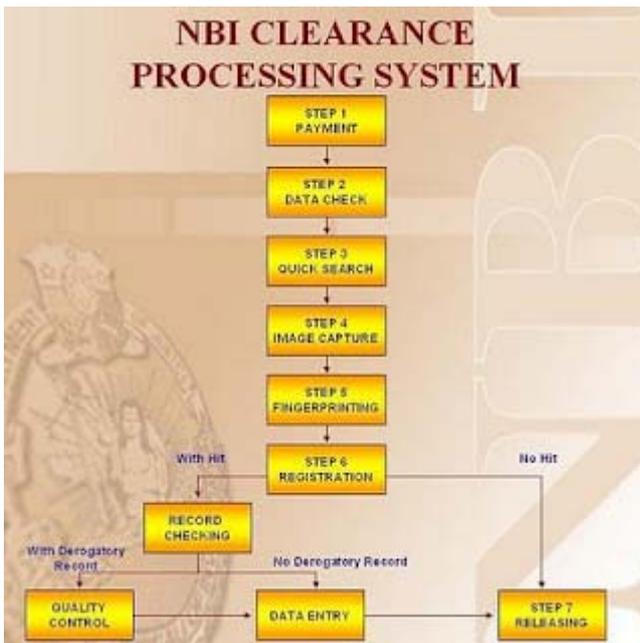
After that magical moment, I passed the papers on the correct window. It is easy now to transact and if you are a first time applicant, you should NEVER tolerate the fixers. The windows are numbered and the steps are posted on the wall. You only need to read and follow what's written. For more detailed steps, please visit the LTO page. So we waited for more than two hours and by passed ten o'clock, we were already heading to the NBI office.

Finally, we were on the last phase of this ride. At almost eleven o'clock, I was already waiting in line for my turn at the NBI office. Waiting for the NBI agent to call my name after I submitted my old clearance. Thank God I was still able to make it before the cut-off. Remember I told you about the disease? Those employees were already calling for a break. There was one thing I discovered in this office and that's how they were asking for three pesos for the tissue paper being used to wipe the fingers after the finger-printing step. They said what? See how these people were making money from us. While the guy was checking my old clearance, someone was trying to cheat. He said he was a policeman and he really needed to finish it before the cut off because he had to catch the trip to Masbate. Nobody was complaining so I said no for I think it should not be tolerated because we were all there for one reason and nobody should use his position to take advantage of the situation. The policeman just gave in because he knew I was right. After that, I just paid for the 115 peso fee and had my photo taken then they released it in no time. I was able to finish it before the lunch break and the policeman had to go back after the recess. In this government, you really need to have courage to show what is right and I am glad I always have it.



NBI clearance sample

Now check the photo below to see how it's done and for more details, please visit the NBI FAQ page.



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