

## **APO Census Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

**Q:** Why conduct a Census?

**A:** As required by Article VII, Section 7 (f) of our Constitution and By-Laws, we have to come up with a reasonable and equitable definition of our Regional and/or Sectional Boundaries and to achieve this we must first determine the demographics of all our Members by conducting a Census. In addition, with this Census we will also be able to know our true strength, vital information that we have long been longing to know.

**Q:** What assurance can we get that our personal information will not be use for other purposes?

**A:** As required by Article VII, Section 7 (d) of our CBL, the Commission is duty bound to act as the Protector of our Members' Confidential data. Rest assured that all information gathered by the Commission will only be used for the purpose of Census.

**Q:** Why are we limiting the Census to Community Based for Alumni Associations?

**A:** We are limiting the Census to Community Based for Alumni Associations (Recognized and Unrecognized) to eliminate double counting of members. Since the primary objective of the Census is to determine the demographics of our Organizational Units and all our Members, limiting the Census to Community Based for Alumni Associations should be observed.

**Q:** I am the President of a Community Based Alumni Association. In addition to members who reside in our community we also consider those who work in our community as members also of our association. What should I report on the Census?

**A:** It is important that you only count and report the total number of members who are presently residing in your community. You should, however, inform those who were not included for them to do what is necessary so as to be in the census.

**Q:** I am a member of a Community Based Alumni Association. Should I fill-up the Census Form?

**A:** No. You should not but it is important that you urge your Alumni Association President to fill-up the Census Form for the Alumni Association to be included.

**Q:** I am a member to a number of Alumni Associations none of which a Community Based. Should I fill-up the Census Form?

**A:** Yes. You should fill-up the Census Form as an Individual Member (Section C.).

**Q:** I am a member to a number of Community Based Alumni Associations. Will that be a problem?

**A:** Yes, this can be a problem if you don't do anything. It is important that you inform the President of the Alumni Associations as to which Association you should be counted for the purpose of this Census.

**Q:** I am a Resident Member. Should I fill-up the Census Form?

**A:** No. You should not but it is important that you urge your Chapter GC &/or GLC to fill-up the Census Form for the Chapter to be included.

**Q:** I am out of school right now. Should I fill-up the Census Form?

**A:** Yes. You should fill-up the Census Form as an Individual Member (Section C.).

**Q:** Where can we get copies of the Census Form?

**A:** Although copies were sent to the National Office, to the National Officers and Regional Directors, you can download an electronic copy at the following website: [www.census.apo.org.ph](http://www.census.apo.org.ph) It will be a great help if you can inform other members and organizational units regarding this Census.

**Q:** I do not know my Region and Section. Can I leave it blank?

**A:** No. You should not leave it blank. The APO Census Kit being distributed is composed of three (3) parts – the Census Form, the Region and Section Guide and this FAQ (frequently Asked Questions). You can download an electronic copy of all three at the following website: [www.census.apo.org.ph](http://www.census.apo.org.ph)