



Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on **May 30, 2024** at 9:00 the morning.

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao Hon. Lee Cereneo Alison – Bretaña Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr. Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe</p> <p>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose ABSENT: Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz</p>	<p>Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (LNB Representative) SB Member (PPSK Representative) SB Member</p>
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ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 450

**GRANTING INCENTIVES AND RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO
 TOPNOTCHERS IN THE BOARD, BAR AND OTHER NATIONAL LICENSURE
 EXAMINATIONS.**

AS PROPOSED by Hon. Ernesto C. Ticao, **ON MOTION** of Hon. Vanessa T. Salinas of the Committee on Education together with Hon. Rodolfo Z. Alconga, Jr., duly seconded by Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. RATIONALE AND LEGAL BASES.

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically provides that: Section 16. General Welfare – Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. This Ordinance is patterned from Provincial Ordinance 2023-295 authored by Vice Governor Christine “Tingting” S. Garin.

SECTION 2. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the Topnotchers Incentive Ordinance in he of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. **Board Examination, Bar Examination, and other national Licensure Examinations** – refer to examinations conducted nationwide per schedule of graduates of various professions who seek license to practice their respective profession or area of specialization sanctioned by appropriate agencies such as, but not limited to, the Professional Regulations Commissions (PRC), the Supreme Court, and others.

b. **Topnotchers** – refer to individuals who are officially ranked from number 1 to 10 in Board Examination, Bar Examination, and other national licensure examinations with corresponding certification from the appropriate administering agency.

c. **Cash Incentives** – refer to the amount provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. A. CASH INCENTIVES. The following amounts shall be given to Topnotchers in the Board Examination, Bar Examination, and other national licensure examinations, to wit:

- 1) For Physician Licensure Examination, Bar Examination, CPA and 5-year courses:

Top 1 - 5	Php100,000.00
Top 6 – 10	Php 50,000.00

- 2) For other PRC and other national licensure examinations:

A. Top 1-5	Php 70,000.00
Top 6-10	Php 50,000.00

- B. Top notchers of these examinations shall be automatically considered as Outstanding Ogtonganon of the Municipality of Oton.
- C. Topnotchers shall be given Resolutions of Commendation by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton.

SECTION 5. INCENTIVES COMMITTEE. There shall be created an Incentives Committee which shall be in charge of the validation and identification of the beneficiary of the cash incentives which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Mayor
 Vice Chairperson: Vice Mayor
 Members:

1. MGDH, Human Resource Management Office
2. Sangguniang Bayan Chairperson, Committee on Education and Information
3. Sangguniang Bayan Chairperson, Committee on Legal Affairs
4. MGDH, Municipal Budget Office
5. MGDH, Municipal Treasurer's Office
6. MGDH, Municipal Accountant's Office
7. Two (2) Accredited CSOs advocating on education, gender and development.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INCENTIVES COMMITTEE. The following shall be the powers and functions of the committee:

1. Call a meeting when necessary;
2. Validate documentary requirements;
3. Recommend the grant of Incentives;
4. Draft the implementing Rules and Regulations, and,
5. May propose amendments to this ordinance.
6. Perform other duties and functions in order to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. SECRETARIAT. The Secretariat of the Incentives Committee shall be the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT. The functions of the Secretariat shall be as follows:

1. Oversee the technical and administrative preparation for convening regular meetings and special meetings, as necessary;
2. Prepare the minutes of meetings;
3. Prepare timely report about progress in the implementation of this Ordinance and other reportorial requirements; and,
4. Perform other duties and functions assigned by the Committee.

SECTION 9. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES. The following are the qualifications for the grant of incentives:

1. Shall be a resident of the Municipality of Oton for at least six (6) months;
2. Must be an active registered voter of the Municipality of Oton; and,
3. Shall belong to the topnotchers in the Board Examinations of the Professional Regulations Commission, Bar Examination of the Supreme Court, and other national licensure examinations.

SECTION 10. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. The following shall be the documentary requirements to be submitted to the Incentives Committee of the Municipality of Oton to qualify for the cash incentives:

1. One valid Identification Card;
2. Certificate of Residency for at least six (6) months to be issued by the Punong Barangay concerned;
3. Certification from the COMELEC stating that he/she is an active voter of the Municipality of Oton; and

- 4. Certification or proof stating/showing that he/she belongs to the top ten (10) highest places of the Examination conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission or Bar Examination of the Supreme Court and other national licensure examinations.

SECTION 11. SCHEDULE TO CLAIM INCENTIVES: The cash incentives for the topnotchers in the Board Examination, Bar Examination and other national licensure examination can be claimed within three (3) months from the posting of the result of examinations of the administering agency.

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the Incentives Committee shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance. Such Implementing Rules and Regulations shall take effect upon posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. The amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 300,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial implementation of this Ordinance. It shall be charged out of the budget of the Office of the Mayor (Awards and Incentives) and to be included in the subsequent Annual or Supplemental Budget of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect after approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 17. Copies of this Ordinance shall be given to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the Vice Mayor, Members of the Sangguniang Bayan, and the Offices of the Municipal Legal Officer, the Municipal Human Resource Management and Development Officer, Municipal Budget Officer, Municipal Accountant, Municipal Treasurer, and Municipal Auditor assigned in the Municipality of Oton and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for their information and review, respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Kerry Ann T. Lacificar
KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

Concurred: *Vanessa T. Salinas*
VANESSA T. SALINAS
 Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

Attested: *Jose Neil P. Olivares*
JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES
 Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved: *Sofronio L. Fusin, Jr.*
SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
 Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: JUN 18 2024

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