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Department of Education

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AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO DEPED ORDER NO. 19, S. 2017
(Guidelines on the Implementation of the Senior High School Voucher Program
Effective School Year 2017-2018)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues the **Amendments/Additional Provisions to DepEd Order (DO) No. 19, s. 2017** entitled **Guidelines on the Implementation of the Senior High School Voucher Program Effective School Year (SY) 2017-2018**, which amends relevant provisions in the said DO for more effective and efficient program operations.

a. Amendments

- i. To add a specific category for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test and Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) passers as a Voucher Program Beneficiary (VPB) type and indicate its documentary requirement and corresponding voucher amount, in Items VI.2 and VII, respectively.

- QVR Category and documents needed are amended as follows:

- Category E: Students who took and passed the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test and the Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT) in the current SY and have been certified for admission to Grade 11 in SY 2018-2019.

QVR Category	Document Needed	Where to Obtain Document
Categories A and B	Report Card bearing Learner Reference Number	Junior High School (JHS)
Category C	ESC Certificate	JHS or PEAC HS
Category D	QVR Certificate	PEAC NS
Category E	Certificate of Rating (CoR)	Schools Division Office For PEPT walk-in passers, from BEA-EAD

- Applicable Voucher Values is amended as follows:

Voucher Tier	VPB Type	Voucher Amount	Voucher Amount if the SHS is SUC/LUC*
<i>National Capital Region (NCR)</i>	Categories A, B and E	PhP22,500	PhP11,250
	Categories C and D	PhP 18,000	
<i>Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) outside of NCR</i>	Categories A, B and E	PhP 20,000	PhP 10,000
	Categories C and D	PhP 16,000	
<i>All Other Locations</i>	Categories A, B and E	PhP 17,500	PhP 8,750
	Categories C and D	PhP 14,000	

*State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)/Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs)

- Category A: All Grade 10 completers in public JHSs (automatically eligible),
 - Category B: All Grade 10 completers in SUCs and LUCs (automatically eligible),
 - Category C: All Grade 10 completers in private schools that are Education Service Contracting (ESC) grantees (automatically eligible),
 - Category D: All Grade 10 completers in private schools, who are not ESC grantees and wish to avail of voucher subsidy in order to enroll in a non-DepEd SHS, and
 - Category E: ALS A&E Test and Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) passers who are successful voucher applicants.
- ii. In consideration of the limited program funds allocated for SHS-VP, based on the applicable General Appropriations Act (GAA), Item (C) (3), paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section XI of DO No. 19, s. 2017 are amended and shall read as follows:
- The Voucher Management System (VMS) allows the creation of the Billing Statements a month after the start of the school year. That notwithstanding, VP-participating SHS must create the Billing Statement from July 1 to November 30, with the amount due equal to the total applicable voucher for the VPBs enrolled for the school year (SY).
 - While the creation of Billing Statements shall be done once for the SY, disbursements shall be made in two tranches. The first payment shall be released during the third and fourth quarters of the current fiscal year (FY), and the balance shall be released/paid during the following FY.
 - Any refund and deduction shall be settled in the succeeding billing period.
- iii. Section II - Scope of DO No. 19, s. 2017, which provides that the guidelines shall have national applicability for SY 2017-2018, is revised to extend the effectivity of the said guidelines to SY 2018-2019 and SYs thereafter.

b. Additional Provisions

To facilitate the tagging and creation of billing statements for the VPBs, an additional item in Section XI for the Registration of VPBs in the VMS shall be included between Items (B) and (C) and read as follows:

Register VPBs in the VMS

- i. VP-participating schools are required to encode all their VPBs in the VMS. This may be done on a per VPB basis or through uploading their list of VPBs in the VMS. The following data are required when registering the VPBs in the VMS:
 - Full Name of the VPB
 - Learner Reference Number
 - Birthdate
 - Gender
 - Track and Strand
 - ESC Student ID or OVAP Certificate Number for Private Grade 10 Completers
 - ii. It shall be the responsibility of the VP-participating SHS to ensure that the VPB data encoded in the VMS matches the student data registered by the VP-participating SHS in the LIS.
 - iii. The PEAC NS shall conduct a post-billing audit of all VPBs billed by a VP-participating SHS by comparing the data of billed VPBs in the VMS with the student data in the LIS.
 - iv. The VP-participating school shall be held liable if a VPB billed in the VMS does not exist or has mismatched details in the LIS. These VPBs shall be considered as unaccounted VPBs and penalties shall apply as provided in Section XII B.
2. All provisions of DO 19, s. 2017, as amended by DO 54, s. 2017, and by the provisions herein, shall remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise amended or rescinded.
 3. All Orders and other related issuances, rules and regulations, and provisions, which are inconsistent with these amendments are repealed, rescinded, or modified accordingly.
 4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 19, s. 2017 and 54, s. 2017)

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