

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)

NO. 46

Series of 1996

SUBJECT : POLICY OF PROGRESSIVE DEREGULATION VIS-À-VIS
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and to afford Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) more leeway in the determination of their curricular offerings and student eligibility requirements so that they may be able to better attain the same to local, regional and national goals, progressive deregulation vis-à-vis HEIs is hereby declared a policy of the Commission. Consequently, effective Collegiate Year (CY) 1996-1997, the following functions of the Commission are hereby delegated to the HEIs concerned, to wit:

1. Issuance of Eligibility for Admission to Higher Education Programs. - Henceforth, the responsibility for and accountability of determining the eligibility of students for admission to the Law, Medicine and Dentistry courses are hereby transferred to the concerned HEIs provided the following are met and/or observed, thus:

a) Law - The applicant-student must be a graduate of a bachelor's degree and must have earned eighteen (18) units of English, six (6) units of Mathematics, and eighteen (18) units of Social Science subjects;

b) Medicine - The applicant-student must be a graduate of a bachelor's degree and must have earned fifteen (15) units of Biology, ten (10) units of Chemistry, nine (9) units of Mathematics, five (5) units of Physics, and twelve (12) units of Social Science subjects. The applicant-student should also have taken and passed the National Medical Admission Test (NMAT); and

c) Dentistry - The applicant-student must be a graduate of a pre-dentistry course which should include fifteen (15) units of English, three (3) units of Mathematics, ten (10) units of Chemistry, five (5) units of Physics, ten (10) units of Zoology, five (5) units of Botany, twelve (12) units of Social Science subjects, nine (9) units of Filipino, and three (3) units of Personal and Community Hygiene.

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2. Determination of Course Curriculum. - The respective curricula of the courses which HEIs are offering and/or will offer may now be determined by the HEIs themselves, through their respective Deans, without need of the Commission's approval. However, these curricula must conform with the minimum requirements set by the Commission in its various pertinent issuances. Copies of the curricula for the different courses, however, which HEIs are offering and/or will offer must be submitted to the Higher Education Regional Offices (HEROs) concerned of the Commission a month before they are implemented and/or are offered.

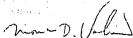
3. Operation of New Programs. - HEIs which have already attained Level III accredited status for Arts, for Sciences, and for three (3) other professional courses are hereby allowed to open and operate new courses in any field without prior approval from the Commission; provided, however, that the Commission (Attention : Office of Programs and Standards) and its concerned HEROs are informed in writing of the opening of these new programs; and provided, furthermore, that the opening of these new programs meet the minimum requirements set by the Commission.

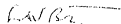
This CMO shall remain in force and effect until otherwise revoked.

SO ORDERED.


Pasig City, Philippines, August 12, 1995


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