



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

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 36, Series of 1999

To : All CHED Regional Directors
Presidents/Heads of Public and Private Colleges/
Universities

SUBJECT : **OBSERVANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA
BILANG 344 "ACCESSIBILITY LAW"**

DATE : 15 November 1999

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In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and in compliance with the urgent request of the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) during its Board Meeting held on 28 October 1999 to implement Batas Pambansa Bilang 344 otherwise known as the "Accessibility Law," the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) hereby encourages all HEIs to observe the provisions of the Law which provide for the installation of facilities and other devices in buildings, institutions, public utilities and establishments in order to enhance the mobility of persons with disabilities (PWDs). Enclosed is a copy of B.P. Blg. 344.

The CHED likewise enjoins all SUCs and concerned institutions, who have not provided their schools with adequate access facilities to quality education and skills development for persons with disabilities (PWDs), to utilize their 1999 savings for the installation of access features and/or allocate the necessary funds in their regular budget or earnings in the case of SUCs in support for the provisions of said features.

Immediate dissemination of this CHED Memorandum Order is hereby enjoined.

For proper guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 19th day of November 1999, Pasig City

For the Commission:

ORIGINAL SIGNED
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