



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

**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No.27

Series of 2004

SUBJECT

**MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF NEW NURSING PROGRAMS EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2004 WHICH SHALL COVER ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING THOSE GRANTED AUTONOMOUS OR DEREGULATED STATUS**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", Republic Act No. 9173 known as the "New Nursing Act of 2002" and Resolution No. 344-2004 of the Commission *En Banc* approved on May 31, 2004 a MORATORIUM on the OPENING OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM is hereby declared by the Commission, after taking into account studies made by the CHED-Technical Committee on Nursing Education (TCNE) which provided the following information to the Commission:

1. There is a proliferation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) offering the B.S. Nursing Programs which, if allowed to continue unabated could seriously affect the quality of nursing education in the country and consequently, the status of employment of Filipino nurses in the world market.
2. Results of the Integrated Nursing Licensure Examination (INLE) administered by the Board of Nursing of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) in recent years show a gradual decline in the quality of performance of nursing graduates, indicating a marked deterioration in the quality of nursing education, which now requires proper regulation, supervision and monitoring by the Commission through the TCNE.
3. The capabilities of the nursing market has reached saturation point, i.e. there is dearth of qualified faculty, deans and base hospitals, which are considered important, crucial and indispensable factors in the offering of the B.S. Nursing Program.

To ensure the uniform and proper implementation of this CMO the following guidelines are hereby ordered:

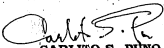
1. Applications for permit which are considered "*in the pipeline*" shall be given due course.
  - 1.1 Applications and appeals received by the CHED Central Office (CHEDCO) and the CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) on or before May 4, 2004;
  - 1.2 Applications and appeals received by the CHEDCO and CHEDROs for SY 2004-2005 but were not favorably recommended for issuance of permits for said school year.
2. A letter of intent will not be considered as an application. The application shall be deemed valid only when all the required supporting documents are complete and attached to the application submitted by the applicant-HEI.

Pending applications, if any, in the CHEDROs shall continue to be processed by said Office except for applications under appeal/reconsideration in the CHEDCO in which case the Office of Programs and Standards shall conduct the appropriate processing/evaluation pursuant to the Commission's Manual of Operations.

This CMO shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until otherwise revoked or superseded.

For strict compliance.

Pasig City, Philippines  
August 30, 2004

  
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