



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

**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 16

Series 2008

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) INTENDING TO INCREASE TUITION AND OTHER FEES FOR SY 2008-2009**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "*Higher Education Act of 1994*," and in light of the mandate of the Commission to regulate tuition and other fee increases as provided for by Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, GASTPE Law, as well as the Supreme Court Decision on the *Lina vs. Cariño* (221 SCRA 515, G.R. No. 100127, April 23, 1993), there is urgent need to issue a directive on the guidelines that should be followed in the processing of applications of higher education institutions (HEIs) intending to increase tuition and other fees for SY 2008-2009. Considering that the suspension of the implementation of CMO 14, s. 2005 was only effective SY 2007-2008 as contained in the pertinent Memorandum From the Acting Chairman dated 20 February 2007 (*Suspension of the Implementation of CMO 14, s. 2005*), and pursuant to Commission en Banc (CEB) Resolution No. 87-2008 adopted during its 311<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 10 March 2008, you are hereby informed that the following guidelines shall govern the processing of applications for tuition and other fee increases, including the introduction of new fees for SY 2008-2009:

1. To continue the implementation of CMO 13, s. 1998 as is however, in order to safeguard the interests of both the students and school administrators, the following safety measures should be strictly undertaken by the CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs):
  - a. Monitor the schools' compliance with the GASTPE Law provision that 5% of its annual student population should be given scholarship privileges; and
  - b. Review and evaluate financial statements of HEIs to ensure compliance with the 70-20-10 requirement.

In this regard, all CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) are hereby directed to coordinate with the HEIs in their respective areas as regards their compliance with all the requirements provided for in the said CMO.

For the guidance of all concerned HEIs, they shall be required, for records purposes, to submit to the concerned CHEDROs pertinent reports and data on the imposition and introduction of other fees and new fees.

For your information and guidance.

Issued this 29th day of April 2008, Pasig  
City, Philippines.

**FOR THE COMMISSION:**

  
**ROMULO L. NERI**  
Chairman 