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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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GUIDELINES ON STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT

To:

Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges
and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Colleges and Universities

1. In line with the policy of His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, of helping students meet the impact of increased costs by giving discounts on transportation fares, the Board of Transportation (BOT) has issued the following guidelines on student fare discount:

I. Coverage

A. Students

All students - academic/technical/vocational; elementary, high school and college - enrolled in schools recognized/supervised by the Department of Education and Culture, are entitled to a student discount.

Students of dancing schools, driving schools, culinary arts, short term courses of the seminar type, and the like, are not included in the benefits herein granted.

B. Public Utilities

Buses, mini-buses, jeepneys, and inter-island shipping are covered by the directive.

In the case of buses, the discount will apply only to ordinary buses. In the case of inter-island shipping, the discount will apply only to non-cabin passengers.

II. Discount

- A. In buses, mini-buses and jeepneys, students are exempted from the increased rate granted by the BOT on April 21, 1977. Their fares, therefore, shall only be the official rates charged before April 21, 1977.
- B. In inter-island shipping, the discount shall be 15% of the present rate. The foregoing discounts are nationwide.

III. Procedure

- A. A student must wear a valid I.D. issued by the school in which he is enrolled, duly signed by the Registrar. The I.D. shall be plastic-sealed, with his or her picture in it and validated for the school term/sem-ster in which the discount is available.
- Beginning with the second semester, the I.D. shall be uniform in size, to be prescribed by the Board of Transportation.
In case of loss of an I.D., a duplicate may be issued according to the rules of the school, but the loss and re-issuance shall be reported by the school to the Board of Transportation.

IV. Effectivity

The discount shall be effective on June 14, 1977. In the case of elementary, high school, vocational and technical students, the discount shall be enjoyed only from Monday to Friday, excepting public holidays; in the case of college/university students, it shall be enjoyed from Monday to Saturday, excepting holidays.

V. Complaints

All complaints of students for refusal to give discounts or for discrimination against students, shall be lodged with the school official in charge of student affairs in each school. The school shall take up the matter with the public utility operator concerned. In case no satisfactory relief is granted by the operator, or the violations persist, the school official will then officially report the matter to the Chairman of the Board of Transportation for appropriate action.

VI. Penalties

Operators, drivers, conductors/conductresses and other personnel of public utility vehicles who refuse to honor student discounts shall be penalized as follows:

- A. \$50 fine from the guilty person concerned for complaint found valid;
- B. For continuous or wholesale violations, suspension of permits to operate for a period to be determined by the BOT;
- C. Cancellation of permits to operate and/or certificates of public conveyance for deliberate and serious infraction.

VII. The Metrocom, the CHPC and all persons deputized by the BOT shall assist in the enforcement of these guidelines.

2. In this connection, it is requested that the necessary steps be taken such as designating the personnel concerned in every school to facilitate the issuance of the I.D.s. and enable the students to avail themselves of the fare discounts as soon as classes start this school year.

3. Immediate dissemination of this Department Memo-
randum is desired.

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