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MEMORANDUM  
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1984 NCEE CUT-OFF SCORE

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, through the National Educational Testing Center (NETC), has maintained the general cutoff score of 45 percentile for the 1984 NCEE administered on September 23, 1984. However, high school valedictorians who obtained a GSA rating of at least 40 percentile are also considered passed.

2. During the school year 1985-1986, therefore, all high school graduates who took the 1984 NCEE must obtain a percentile rank of at least 45 and for high school valedictorians, at least 40 percentile rank, to qualify them for admission to college degree courses necessitating at least four years of study. Those who aspire to take up teacher education courses must obtain a percentile rank of 55 and above.

3. Regional Directors are hereby directed to submit to NETC a report on the names of valedictorians in each high school, by division, on or before March 30, 1985. Only valedictorians included in their report shall be considered qualified in the 1984 NCEE.

4. All admissions officers/directors/registrars of colleges and universities are urged to follow strictly the implementation of the general cutoff and that for teacher education to forestall future problems when the students are about to graduate in their respective courses. No student shall be admitted in degree courses without presenting a genuine NCEE rating slip or certificate of ratings.

5. Students who took the 1978 NCEE, cancelled by virtue of MEC Order No. 27, s. 1979, and are now graduating (SY 1984-85) should submit through their respective institutions and through their Regional Directors their request for consideration to the National Educational Testing Center (NETC), which will decide on the merit of each individual case. All supporting papers relative to this matter should be attached in the request.

6. Effective this date, rebel returnees who availed themselves of the Presidential Amnesty and others certified by the concerned military authorities as rebel returnees/rejoinees in their region will have to take the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) and obtain the above-mentioned percentile rank in order to qualify for admission to college degree courses requiring at least four years of study. The provision of MECO Order No. 9, s. 1983, Paragraph III, sub-paragraph 6, exempting said rebel returnees from the NCEE requirement, is hereby rescinded.







7. Students enrolled in teacher education courses like BSE, BSZED, etc., who were admitted with NCEE ratings below the prescribed cutoff for teacher education will be required to take another NCEE. Failure to comply with this requirement will delay the students' graduation and the issuance of the Special Order.

8. Strict compliance with the foregoing is enjoined to preclude the proliferation of cases of students who are candidates for graduation but who have not complied with the NCEE requirement.

9. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is enjoined for the guidance of all concerned.

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Minister

References:

- MECS Memorandum No. 102, s. 1984
- MECG Memorandum No. 11, s. 1984
- MECS Order (No. 9, s. 1988)
- MEC Order (No. 27, s. 1979)

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