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DepED MEMORANDUM  
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**QUALIFYING EXAMINATION FOR ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC VALUES  
EDUCATION (ALIVE) TEACHERS/ASATIDZ IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

To: Regional Secretary, DepED ARMM  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The standards for the selection and recruitment of qualified Asatidz were set pursuant to DepED Order No. 17, s. 2006, DepED Memorandum No. 46, s. 2005, and the respective Regional Manual of Operations on Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE). It is further emphasized that the task of selecting and recruiting qualified Asatidz, as well as, the sourcing of honorarium from the Local Government Unit (LGU) is the responsibility of the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS).

2. Beginning SY 2007-2008, a set of oral and written examinations shall be administered to all prospective Asatidz to determine their level of competencies in Arabic Language and Islamic Values. Consequently, this will ensure the hiring of qualified Asatidz, before admission to the two levels of training and professionalizing them, to wit:

Level 1: 23-Day Pre-service Training on Language Enhancement and Pedagogy (LEaP).

The LEaP training is a pre-requisite to all Asatidz before they are deployed to schools with organized ALIVE classes. However, prior to this, all selected Asatidz shall have to pass the qualifying examination which will be administered by a team of Muslim experts.

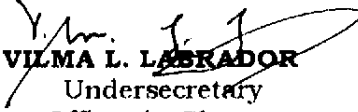
Level 2: 24-Month Course on Accelerated Teacher Education Program (ATEP).

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of training in professionalizing the Asatidz who are already deployed and are now in service or those who have completed the training on Beginning English for Asatidz (BEA) or LEaP. This will also apply to Asatidz examinees of Region XII who took the qualifying examination on June 25, 2007, and obtained conditional rating. To qualify, the Asatidz shall take a set of examinations. The Asatidz examinees shall be graded as follows:

70%-100%	-	Passed	-	Qualified for admission to ATEP
50%-69%	-	Conditional	-	To undergo Enhancement Training in Arabic Language and Islamic Values
0%-49%	-	Failed	-	Dropped from the service

Those who obtained a conditional rating of 69% - 50%, and have undergone the second enhancement training, shall again take the qualifying examination. The examinees who failed in this retake shall finally, be dropped from the service.

3. For this purpose, test instruments shall be designed and prepared on the basis of a framework of competencies in Arabic Language and Islamic Values that the Asatidz shall possess as qualified ALIVE Asatidz in the public schools. This task has been started during the National Seminar-Workshop on the Budget of Work for ALIVE Grades II and III and Assessment Instrument held at General Santos City on June 26-July 1, 2007 co-sponsored and hosted by BEAM.
4. During the said National Seminar-Workshop, a group of Ulama-Scholars led by the Hon. Mohamad Faried Adas, Undersecretary for Madaris, DepED ARMM were tasked to prepare the framework of competencies and test instruments. This test instrument shall be utilized as the qualifying examination for Asatidz that DepED Central Office shall administer in coordination and collaboration with DepED-ARMM. For this purpose, DepED Central Office may request DepED-ARMM for the services of Undersecretary Adas to conduct and administer the qualifying examination. The framework of competencies and the test instruments shall be validated subsequently by other group of Ulama-Scholars, with the participation of Undersecretary Adas and his original group.
5. Relatively, DepED and DepED-ARMM shall collaborate on the issuance of a Certificate of Competency in Arabic Language and Islamic Values for those who pass the qualifying examination.
6. Expenditures for traveling and incidental expenses of examiners, and modest honorarium shall be charged to DepED Central Office Budget for Madrasah Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures, rules and regulations.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Officer-in-Charge

References: DepED Order: (No. 17, s. 2006)  
DepED Memorandum: (No. 46, s. 2005)  
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