

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education and Culture
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Manila

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DEPARTMENT ORDER
No. 27, s. 1973

REVIEW OF CASES OF STUDENTS, FACULTY AND/OR
EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SUBVERSION, ETC.

TO: The Director of Private Schools

1. The attention of this Office has been called to the cases of students, faculty and/or employees pending consideration in the Office for Civil Relations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and other government offices, who have been dropped, expelled or dismissed from school as a result of past activities involving subversion, insurgency and other similar illegal activities pursuant to Department Orders No. 27. and No. 30, both series of 1972.

2. In line with the current policy of the government to allow and/or enable students and/or teachers who may have been misled in the past, to continue with their studies and/or to regain their status as teachers or employees, it is imperative that their cases should be resolved with the least possible delay, to the end that they may be given a chance to develop themselves and to find their proper places in the New Society.

3. For this purpose, there is created a JOINT COMMITTEE, the main function of which is to review the individual cases of all students and teachers or employees who have been dealt with pursuant to Department Orders Nos. 27 and 28, both series of 1972. The committee is empowered to pass on and to cause if feasible and allowable under the circumstances of the case, the immediate readmission and/or reinstatement of the student, teacher, or employee concerned in the school involved.

4. An appeal by a student or teacher or employee may be submitted either directly to the school, the Bureau of Private Schools, or to the Department of National Defense or the Armed Forces of the Philippines. When the appeal is directly filed with the head of the school concerned, the case, with the comments and recommendation together with all the pertinent records of the case, shall be forwarded to the Director of Private Schools within five (5) days from receipt. When the appeal is directed or filed with the Depart-

ment of Education and Culture or the Bureau of Private Schools, the matter will be referred immediately to the head of the school concerned for comment and recommendation and it shall be incumbent upon the latter to submit his comment and recommendation, together with all the pertinent records of the case, to the Director of Private Schools within five (5) days from his receipt of the communication. When the appeal is filed with the Department of National Defense or the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the case should be transmitted to the Department of Education and Culture and the procedure in the preceding sentences shall be invariably observed and followed.

5. The composition of the committee herein organized is as follows:

- a) The Secretary of Education and Culture or his duly authorized representative as Chairman;
- b) The Secretary of National Defense or his duly authorized representative; and
- c) The Presidents of the ACSC, CEAP, PACU or their duly authorized representatives.

The committee shall invariably invite or cause to be invited the head of the school concerned and the Chairman of the NISA or his duly authorized representative, during its deliberation of each case to the end that the past, as well as the present involvement of the teachers or students concerned, may be fully ventilated, passed upon and/or clarified.

6. There is likewise organized a similar committee corresponding to each of the Regional Offices of the Bureau of Private Schools to deal on similar or related cases. The composition of the local committee is as follows:

- a) The Regional Superintendent of the Bureau of Private Schools or his duly authorized representative as Chairman;
- b) The Regional Director of the NISA or his duly authorized representative; and
- c) A representative each of the ACSC, CEAP, and PACU in the region.

The head of the school concerned shall be invited by the Committee during its deliberation of the case.

7. This Department Order shall be implemented in conjunction with Department Orders Nos. 27, 30 and 48, all series of 1972.

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