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DEPARTMENT ORDER  
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BIRTH CERTIFICATE A  
PREREQUISITE TO ENROLMENT IN GRADE I.

TO: The Director of Public Schools,  
The Director of Private Schools,  
The Director of Vocational Education, and  
The Coordinator of State Colleges and Universities:

1. Conformably with the provisions of the Presidential Decree No. 651, the presentation of a birth certificate shall be a prerequisite to enrolment in Grade I in all schools in the country, both public and private, starting with the school year 1975-76. Failure to present the birth certificate upon enrolment shall be ground for non-admission.
2. In meritorious cases, upon satisfactory proof that the birth certificate cannot be obtained despite diligent efforts exerted, a baptismal certificate may be presented in lieu thereof, or in the absence of a baptismal certificate, an affidavit of two disinterested persons establishing the date of birth of the child.
3. In cooperation with barrio captains and barangay leaders, teachers should apprise the parents and residents of the locality where they are assigned of the importance of registering the birth of a child or the death of a person in view of the imperative need for statistics on births and deaths in the formulation of more effective health and social programs for the country. Their attention should be invited to Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 651 penalizing violations thereof with a fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court.
4. It is desired that the contents of this Department Order be disseminated immediately.

(SGD) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary





