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MAJOR REVISIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP
AND NATIONAL INTEGRATION STUDY GRANT PROGRAMS

To: Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents

1. Inclosed with this Department Order are the major revisions or changes approved by the National Board of Education governing the rules and regulations of the State Scholarship and National Integration Study Grant Programs which were embodied in the respective Manuals of Information.
2. The old provisions which have been revised are indicated therein for ready reference.
3. Section 28 on Weighted Average and Section 40 on Scholastic Deficiency of the revised policies on State Scholarship and National Integration Study Grant Programs, shall both take effect on the first semester, school year 1977-1978. However, the revision on Scholastic Deficiency under the NISGP shall not be applicable to on-going National Integration grantees currently in the second or higher curriculum years in college. Only those grantees who will enter the first year, effective school year 1977-1978 and thereafter, are covered by this provision. Other revisions which were approved by the defunct State Scholarship Council but which have not as yet been reflected in the Manual of Information, have already been made effective.
4. Meanwhile, the National Scholarship Center, this Department, is in the process of preparing the revised Manual of Information for each of these two programs which will be distributed to the field in due time.
5. All officials concerned are enjoined to inform the field of the revisions embodied in this Department Order.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

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Reference:

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To Be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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SCHOLARSHIP

MAJOR CHANGES IN POLICIES

A. STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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a. Section 17. Definition of "Poor but Deserving" Student:

State Scholarship shall be awarded to "poor but deserving" students. For a scholar to be considered poor, the law requires that he or his parents or, if the latter are already dead, other persons required by law to give support, have no resources to finance his higher education. More specifically, a candidate for scholarship shall be considered "poor" if he or his parents or guardian as the case may be, has an income derived from business occupation or exercise of a profession and/or from ownership of real property not exceeding ₱6,000 per annum, regardless of the assessed valuation of the property from which such income is derived. The statement of financial resources with reference to a candidate for scholarship shall be contained in an affidavit of the parent or guardian subscribed and sworn to before the city or municipal treasurer of the candidate's residence.

b. Section 26. Weighted Average:

The Council shall, as soon as practicable make a survey of existing colleges and universities to determine those which may be qualified to enroll scholars in particular fields of specialization during their third and fourth years of scholarship. The scholarship grant shall be subject to renewal each succeeding semester if the scholar main-

Section 21. (Same wording as in Sec. 1 except that the annual income of ₱6,000 is changed to ₱12,000).

a. Section 23. Screening Committees:

c.3. The BIR Income Tax Return of his parents or guardian proving that gross annual income is not more than ₱12,000 (Failure to comply with this requirement is a ground for disqualification);

b. Section 28. Weighted Average:

The scholarship grant shall be subject to renewal each succeeding semester if the scholar maintains a weighted average rating not lower than "B-", "2.50", "81%" or its equivalent in at least 15 academic units; provided that all failing grades, "Incomplete" or its equivalent are removed by him within the following semester.

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tains a general weighted average rating not lower than "B-", "2.50", "81%" or its equivalent in at least 15 academic units, provided that, he has no grade of "5" or "Failure" in any academic subject; provided further that, all grades of "4" or "incomplete" are removed by him prior to the next registration period; and provided finally, that in the third, fourth and/or fifth years he shall, in addition, not have a grade lower than "3", "C", "75%", or its equivalent in any subject in his major area.

NOTE: Deferment is not provided in the old policy.

In case of non-passing grade, the Center may reconsider under justifiable reasons, on a case-to-case basis if the scholar is in his last two curriculum years, and has maintained a cumulative weighted average of 2.5 or its equivalent or better; and provided finally that the scholar will be responsible for the payment of the failed subject in which he will re-enroll.

Section 33. Deferment:

- a. A scholar who intends to defer his scholarship should seek the approval of the Center through a formal letter or request prior to the time of deferment.
- b. Deferment of the scholarship grant may be permitted by reasons of:
 - 1. Poor health or illness, to be supported by a medical certificate of a government physician,
 - 2. Psychological/emotional problems with certification from the school counselor, dean of student affairs or coordinator of guidance service;
 - 3. Death of father and/or mother;
 - 4. Other causes considered meritorious by the National Scholarship Center to be treated on a case-to-case basis.
- c. Deferment should not exceed one year. Special cases may be treated separately.
- d. A scholarship is declared forfeited if not enjoyed by the declared scholar after a period of one year.

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: e. A scholar should likewise apply to
 : the Center for reinstatement supported
 : by a medical certificate from a government
 : physician that he is physically and mentally
 : fit to resume studies.

NOTE: There is no provision for Formal Investigation and Reconsideration in the old policy.

: Section 38. Formal Investigation and Reconsideration:

- : a. The NSC shall conduct formal investigation of any charge/complaint against scholars in connection with their scholarship.
- : b. Request for reconsideration of terminated scholarship should reach the Center within six months from the date of the notice of termination.

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MAJOR CHANGES IN POLICIES

B. NATIONAL INTEGRATION STUDY GRANT PROGRAM

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a. Section 5. Screening of Applicants:

(b) (4) Statement of the City/Municipal Treasurer regarding the applicant's financial inability to pursue the course; that the gross annual income of his parents or guardian is not more than ₱10,000. However, in the case of inconsistency between the actual economic condition of the party and the declared gross annual income, the screening committee may exercise its discretion in deciding on the financial qualification of the applicant.

b. Section 21. Scholastic Deficiency:

a. Failure in any two subjects during the semester is a ground for termination of the grant. If the grantee fails in one subject, he shall re-enroll in the subject at his own expense, except when such failure is accompanied by two incomplete grades during the same school term, in which case shall also constitute a ground for the termination of the grant.

a. Section 25. Screening Committee:

(c) 4. The gross annual income of the applicant's parents or guardian should not be more than ₱12,000. As a proof, the BIR Income Tax Return of his parents or guardian should be submitted. Failure to comply with this requirement will be a ground for disqualification.

b. Section 40. Scholastic Deficiency:

The grant shall be subject to renewal each succeeding semester if the grantee maintains a weighted average rating of "2.75", "C+", "78" or better in at least 15 academic units, provided that all failing grades or "Incomplete" or its equivalent are removed by him within the following semester.

In case of non-passing grade, the Center may reconsider under justifiable reasons, on a case-to-case basis, if the grantee is in his last two curriculum years, and has maintained a cumulative weighted average of 2.75 or its equivalent or better; and provided finally that the grantee will be responsible for the payment of the failed subject in which he will re-enroll.

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- a. A grantee who intends to defer his study grant should seek the approval of the Center through a formal letter or request prior to the time of deferment.
- b. Deferment of the study grant may be permitted by reasons of:
 - 1. Poor health or illness, to be supported by a medical certificate of a government physician.
 - 2. Psychological/emotional problems with certification from the school counselor, dean of student affairs or coordinator of guidance service.
 - 3. Death of father and/or mother.
 - 4. Other causes considered meritorious by the National Scholarship Center to be treated on a case to-case basis.
- c. Deferment should not exceed one year. Special cases may be treated separately.
- d. A grant is declared forfeited if not enjoyed by the declared grantee after a period of one year.
- e. A grantee should likewise apply to the Center for reinstatement supported by a medical certificate from a government physician that he is physically and mentally fit to resume studies.
- f. Deferment of grant may be allowed for prospective grantees who are at the same time recipients of the American Field Service (AFS) and/or international scholarship and/or training abroad.

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