

Republika ng Pilipinas
(Republic of the Philippines)
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

June 9, 1978

DEPARTMENT ORDER
No. 13, s. 1978

GUIDELINES ON TUITION FEES
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1978-79

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

1. Inclosed are copies of the guidelines issued by His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, dated June 6, 1978, relative to tuition fees and other charges of private schools for the 1978-79 school year and of Letter of Instruction No. 703, for the information and strict compliance by all concerned.
2. The current rates of each private school, e.g. for 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, and 1977-78 school years as the case may be, approved by the Secretary of Education and Culture pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 451 shall be the basis of their collection of school fees for the school year 1978-79.
3. The private schools whose applications may be favorably acted on for the school year 1978-79, in line with the exceptions provided for under the Presidential guidelines shall comply with the pertinent requirements of Department Order No. 3, s. 1978.
4. The Regional Directors are hereby delegated to act on applications of schools falling under the exceptions for the school year 1978-79, and to see to it that the specific conditions of the guidelines are properly implemented by all concerned.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Department Order is desired.

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

Incls.:
As stated

Reference:

Department Order: (No. 3, s, 1978)

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MALACAÑANG
Manila

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO. 703

TO: The Secretary of Education and Culture
The Secretary of Economic Planning and
NEDA Director-General
The Secretary of Finance
The Commissioner of the Budget
The President, Fund for Assistance to
Private Education (FAPE)

You are hereby directed to conduct a study on the issue of financing private education in the Philippines, with the view to provide for a more definitive government policy on financing of and assistance to private institutions of learning or programs. Since the issue on tuition fees or charges is but an aspect of the general problem of financing the fairly large private education sector, the study should include possible amendments to Presidential Decree No. 451, especially as regard the basis and possible maximum rate of increase that may be allowed, the frequency and timing of such increase, and the equitable and reasonable allocation or distribution of the incremental proceeds of any increase in tuition fees or charges of private schools, in line with existing policies and in pursuance to the principle that education is a social service function of the State.

In the conduct of the study, you are hereby authorized to consult with and request the assistance of private educational institutions or associations, and to require the submission of necessary and relevant data and information.

Your report hereon, with the recommendations as you may deem appropriate to include for consideration, shall be submitted within six (6) months from date.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(SGD) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines.

June 7, 1978

CERTIFIED COPY

(SGD) MELQUIADES I. DE LA CRUZ, CESO
Presidential Staff Director
Malacañang Records

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MALACAÑANG
Manila

6 June 1978

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Secretary
Department of Education and Culture

All Concerned

In line with the recommendations in your joint report with the NEDA Director-General, and pending the results of the on-going study on financing of private education, I hereby order that for the 1978-79 school year there shall be no increase in tuition fees or charges for private schools, except in the following meritorious cases where applications therefor have been properly submitted:

1. Those schools, including small and mission schools, with aggregate tuition fees or charges of not more than ₱250.00 per year for the pre-elementary, elementary or secondary courses, or less than ~~₱300.00~~ per term or course for vocational/technical schools, or at most ₱15.00 per unit for college courses, but only to the extent of not more than the above rates;

2. Those schools with respect to their four-year professional courses in the field of Agriculture and Engineering and other similar high priority college courses in the context of national development, including Law and Medicine, but only to the extent of ten per cent (10%) of their current rates for the 1977-78 school year; and

3. Those approved by the Secretary of Education and Culture before March 15, 1978.

The private schools shall comply with the following conditions:

1. No portion of the incremental proceeds arising from the adjustments provided for herein, including those authorized for school year 1977-78, shall be used for the payment of dividends or distribution of profit;

2. At least sixty per cent (60%) of the whole incremental proceeds referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph 1 shall be allocated for the increase in the salaries of teachers and supportive personnel, the balance to be used for other necessary expenses based on the priority needs of the schools, particularly for improving the quality of instruction;

3. The collection of fees or charges shall be on installment basis generally;

4. Each private school shall establish and maintain an adequate Student Assistance Fund out of its operating revenues;

5. Each private school shall operate on the basis of an annual budget, approved by its Governing Board, a copy of which shall be submitted to the Secretary of Education and Culture or his duly authorized representative not later than thirty (30) days after June 13, 1978;

6. Each private school shall submit to the Secretary of Education and Culture a copy of its financial statement as prepared and certified correct by a Certified Public Accountant;

7. The supervisory personnel of the Department of Education and Culture shall conduct periodic inspection to ensure that tuition fees or charges are properly spent in accordance with approved budgets.

For immediate compliance.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

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(SGD.) MELQUIADES T. DE LA CRUZ, CESO II
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