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POST-SECONDARY COURSES OF PROGRAMS IN NON-CHARTERED
STATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Non-Chartered Schools
and Colleges

1. Prior to and after the reorganization of the Ministry of Education and Culture, several non-chartered state schools and colleges were issued authority by the Minister of Education and Culture to operate post secondary technical and/or tertiary level courses and degree programs.
2. Batas Pambansa Bilang 1 otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 1979 lists most or all the non-chartered secondary schools, or colleges with predominantly secondary level programs under "Key Budgetary Inclusions 4.2.1 - Implementation of programs for secondary, fishery, trade, industrial arts, and other vocational education courses ..." (Pages 74-99 B.P. Blg. 1).
3. The above-mentioned listing was interpreted to mean that schools included therein were thereby required to terminate their post-secondary course offerings or programs. Consequently, this Office issued MEC Order No. 28, s. 1979, in effect terminating the authority given to certain non-chartered state schools and colleges to offer post-secondary programs, effective at the end of the school year 1979-1980.
4. Ideally, the programs or offerings of schools and colleges should coincide, according to level (primary, secondary, tertiary), with the funding authority in the Appropriations Act. In the Philippine System, however, schools often offer two or all of the program levels. As a result, classifying schools neatly according to program level is impossible.
5. In order to establish an orderly system of classification of the schools, concerned, the following rules are hereby prescribed, effective immediately:

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- a. A non-chartered school or college shall be classified as secondary if its primary and secondary enrollment constitutes at least fifty per cent (50%) of total enrollment, or if its primary and secondary courses or program offerings constitute at least fifty per cent (50%) of actual teaching or faculty man-hours.
- b. A non-chartered school or college shall be classified as tertiary if its post-secondary enrollment constitutes at least fifty per cent (50%) of total enrollment, or if its post-secondary courses or program offerings constitute at least fifty per cent (50%) of actual teaching or faculty man-hours.
- c. Effective immediately, no non-chartered school or college shall offer post-secondary courses, in addition to those authorized by this Ministry in any form prior to the date of this Order. Additional or new post-secondary offerings may be authorized only by MEC Orders emanating from this Office, or by legislative authority.

6. In the meantime, in order not to prejudice students already enrolled in post-secondary courses in schools or colleges classified as secondary pursuant to this Order, said schools may continue to offer said post-secondary courses, notwithstanding the provisions of MEC Order No. 28, s. 1979, which is hereby accordingly amended.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be strictly observed by all concerned.

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Reference:

MEC Order: (No. 28, s. 1979)

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