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REQUIRING FOREIGN STUDENTS TO PRESENT EVIDENCES OF SALE OF ACCEPTABLE FOREIGN CURRENCIES TO PESOS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL COMMERCIAL BANKS AND/OR BY THE AUTHORIZED FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

To: Bureau Directors
Cultural Agency Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Effective immediately, all foreign students in the Philippines taking up courses in the tertiary level (including graduate courses) shall present to this Office (Attn: Foreign Students, Foreign Schools and Former Chinese Schools Office) evidences that the pesos they use to pay their tuition and other school fees and to support themselves while in the country come/arise from sale of acceptable foreign currencies to the authorized agent banks and/or authorized foreign exchange dealers of the Central Bank of the Philippines as a condition for the approval/renewal of their study permits.

2. The evidences could be in the form of duplicate copies of:

- a. authorized agent banks' conversion receipts;
- b. banks' credit advices; and
- c. Central Bank official receipts.

The foreign students shall present the originals of the above-mentioned documents for verification purposes.

3. In case renewal study permits have already been issued to foreign students, the evidences of conversion of acceptable foreign currencies to pesos shall be submitted to the admitting schools. The school, in turn, shall reflect in the renewal study permit, the foreign student's compliance of this requirement.

4. No foreign student should be admitted or allowed to continue studying this first semester, school year 1980-1981 and in the succeeding school terms, unless he complies with this requirement.

5. The following foreign students, however, are exempted from this requirement:

- a. Those whose expenses in the Philippines are underwritten by local chapters or agencies of international organizations; and
- b. Those who are holders of 9(e) (diplomatic) visas and their dependents.

6. Strict compliance of all concerned on this matter is desired.

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Reference:

Department Order: No. 58, s. 1977

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