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GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RATES
AND APPLICATIONS OF TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL
FEES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1981-1982

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

1. The applicability of MEC Order No. 21, s. 1980, is hereby extended to the school year 1981-1982, with the following amendments:

- a. The third paragraph of 1, Declaration of Policy, is changed to read as follows:

"Pursuant to the above policies, the Ministry of Education and Culture shall encourage voluntary agreements among the constituent sectors involved in each institution in the adoption of tuition fee rates/increases, recognizing that the primary responsibility for determining the said rates/increases for the support of educational operations remains with the institution. Where guidelines are required the Ministry shall provide for and establish the limits of increases, and their applications, having in mind the protection of students and families against arbitrary increases, and likewise maintenance and improvement of school operations, including reasonable compensation for school faculties and other personnel."

- b. The school years specified in certain portions of the aforesaid MEC Order are changed as follows:

1978-1979 to 1979-1980
1979-1980 to 1980-1981
1980-1981 to 1981-1982

- c. Sub-paragraph 3.2 shall read as follows:

"Application shall be filed by each school or institution concerned with the appropriate MEC regional office, and the regional director shall act on each application by approving or disapproving, or modifying the rates applied for."

The rest of the sub-paragraph is hereby deleted.

- d. In sub-paragraph 3.3, the deadline for filing of applications shall be August 7, 1981.

- e. Sub-paragraph 3.6 is amended to read as follows:

"Applications for increase shall not exceed fifteen percent of the rates actually collected in 1980-1981, provided, that in cases where the 1980-1981 rates did not exceed ₱17 per unit the authorized increase shall be a maximum of ₱3 per unit, notwithstanding the above."

"The fifteen percent allowable under this sub-paragraph is the maximum, and institutions are enjoined to adopt such lower increases where possible, or to apply the same to salary increases and improvement of facilities."

"Pre-elementary, elementary, secondary and vocational and technical schools or institutions where the rates collected in 1980-1981 are still below the corresponding levels allowed pursuant to the implementing rules of Presidential Decree No. 451 are hereby authorized to adjust their fees to the said levels, provided that the authority herein given shall be exercised without the necessity of application to the MEC, as an exception.

- f. Sub-paragraph 3.7 is deleted.

- g. In sub-paragraph 5.1, the term "Supplementary collections" replaces "special capital development fees" and the dates June 30, 1980 is changed to June 30, 1981 and July 15, 1980 to August 15, 1981.

h. Sub-paragraph 5.4 is amended to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Order, a school or institution may apply to the MEC for "de-regulated status" insofar as school fee increases are concerned. De-regulated status may be applied for by a school or institution for any or all of its programs, provided that the institution or its programs are, in the opinion of the MEC, widely known for high quality based on the adequacy of its facilities and the performance of its graduates, and the institution grants a reasonable amount of financial resources to scholarships or similar assistance to financially needy students. Applications under this provision shall be filed by the head of the school or institution on or before August 30, 1981, supporting the application with a statement under oath (a) that the rates of fees collected are accepted or concurred in by at least 85 percent of the students (in cases of pre-collegiate programs, by the parents through payment of the fees involved), (b) of the amount of the institutional resources set aside or budgetted to be awarded as student assistance for the current year and (c) of the fee rates collected in each of the programs relative to which de-regulation is applied for. The amount budgetted for student assistance shall be actually awarded to and enjoyed by student beneficiaries as a condition of approval by the MEC.

The MEC Regional Director concerned shall process applications for de-regulation, and submit the applications with his recommendations, to the Minister of Education and Culture within sixty days from the date of filing of the applications in the Regional Office.

2. Papers/documents to support applications for increase in school fees shall be limited only to those specified in this Order and MEC Order No. 21, s. 1980.
3. A memorandum of this Office on submission of reports dated July 14, 1980 shall likewise be applicable to the school year 1981-1982. The required reports shall be submitted on or before December 15, 1981.
4. Please be guided accordingly.

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/ Reference:
MEC Order: (No. 21, s. 1980)

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