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March 19, 1984

MECS ORDER' No. 15, s. 1984

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS ON SCHOOL FEE INCREASES

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

- 1. The following guidelines and regulations shall apply to increase in tuition and other school fees in private schools, effective the school year 1984-1985:
 - a. A school may increase the current rates without need of Ministry approval, when such increase is for five percent (5%) or less per year, subject to the conditions given in NECS Order No. 23, s. 1983.
 - b. A grade school or high school may be allowed a floor of P800 total fees per year; a college a floor of P30 per unit without need of Ministry approval: Provided that the institution so notifies the Ministry regional office concerned before the opening of the school year.
 - c. An increase in fee rates of fifteen percent (15%) or less per year may be authorized provided that the proceeds from the increase are allocated based on priority needs of the school in accordance with P.D. 451.
 - d. Under extraordinary circumstances and when adequately justified, tuition and other school fees exceeding fifteen percent (1%) per year may be authorized subject to the condition that the proceeds from the increase are fully used to provide the benefits called for in Mage Orders Nos. 2 and 3, both series of 1983, or other similar orders in later years.
 - e. A school under "deregulated status" may be allowed an increase in rates higher than fifteen percent (1%) per year under the following conditions:
 - (1) The school is widely known for high quality instruction.

- (2) The application for increase is supported by a sworn statement showing
 - (a) that the rates of fees collected are accepted by at least eighty five percent (85%) of the students (or, in the case of pre-collegiate courses, by the parents through payment of the fees);
 - (b) the fee rates collected for each program for which deregulation is applied;
 - (c) the amount of institutional resources set aside for student assistance and which is actually awarded to the beneficiaries.
- f. Any increase that is subject to Ministry action shall be collected only upon approval.
- 2. Schools may file applications for fce increases with the concerned Ministry regional office at any time, using the attached forms.
- 3. The Ministry regional director concerned shall (a) take final action on the applications under items 1 c and d above and (b) forward with a recommendation the applications under item 1 e to the Minister for final action, both within two weeks from the date of filing of the applications.
- 4. These guidelines and regulations shall apply until otherwise modified.

(SGD.) JAINE C. LAYA Minister

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Reference:

MECS Order: (No. 23, s. 1983)

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