

Republika ng Pilipinas
(Republic of the Philippines)
MINISTRI NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT ISPORTS
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS)
Maynila

July 23, 1984

MECS ORDER
No. 37, s. 1984

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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

1. Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, otherwise known as the Education Act of 1982, which has become effective and enforceable through the issuance of its implementing rules and regulations on September, 1983, calls for recognition of the academic programs of each private school in order to entitle it "xxx to give the students who have completed the course xxx a certificate, title or diploma." Specifically, the implementing rules and regulations likewise provides that a private school shall be disqualified "xxx to confer any title or degree, or to award any certificate or diploma to any pupil or student enrolled in the non-recognized program or course of studies."
2. It is gathered that a sizeable number of students who are due for graduation as of the end of the school year, 1983-84 have not been issued the required special orders on account of the non-recognition of the academic program or courses in which they are enrolled.
3. In order to implement the provision of law more reasonably, there shall be a two-year period within which the private schools concerned shall secure the recognition for non-recognized programs or courses and about which the following rules and guidelines are hereby issued:
 - a. The candidates for graduation from any non-recognized programs or courses of all private schools as of the end of the school years, 1983-84 and 1984-85, shall upon application be issued the required special orders by the Ministry, provided that the programs or courses have permits or renewal permits to operate for the said school year.
 - b. Beginning the school year, 1985-86, the provisions of Section 8(b) of Rule III under Part III of the "Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of Batas Pambansa Blg. 232" providing for the issuance of the Certificate of Recognition "effective at the beginning of the school year when the last curriculum year of the educational program or course of studies actually is to start" shall be strictly applied.
4. For effective implementation of the foregoing guidelines, the regional offices, through the Regional Directors are hereby directed to determine the status of the government authority for each program or course of each private school within their respective areas and to submit within two (2) weeks from date a list of:

- a. All programs under renewal permit status, with graduating students as of the school year, 1984-85; and
- b. All programs under permit status, with the first batch of students to be graduated yet as of the school year, 1985-86.

5. The regional offices, through the Regional Directors, are further directed to issue written notices or warning to the private schools concerned regarding the legal requirement on recognition of their programs or courses, and the implication of such non-recognition on the graduation of their students. Priority action should be given to the schools with graduating students in non-recognized programs or courses as of the end of the school year, 1984-85. A list of the schools issued notices or warning, with corresponding course or courses involved, shall be submitted to the Ministry not later than August 15, 1984. Inclosed is a sample form-letter of notice/warning that should be sent to the private schools concerned as called for herein.

6. At the end of the school year, 1984-85, and every school year thereafter, the regional office, through the Regional Director, shall submit a report indicating the names of the school and its program(s) or course(s) that have succeeded in securing the required recognition, based on the list as called for in sub-paragraphs 3a and 3b of this Order.

7. Strict compliance with this Order is hereby enjoined.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA
Minister

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1-2-4--(D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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On the basis of records in this Office, your School is operating under renewal permit status as of the school year, 1984-85, the following course(s):

Please be informed that government recognition for the foregoing courses is a pre-condition for graduation of students, pursuant to Section 28 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 232, otherwise known as the Education Act of 1982, and as implemented through Sections 10(b) and 11(c) of Rule III, Part III of the implementing rules and regulations thereof.

Accordingly, through you as President, the _____ is hereby directed to comply with the prescribed requirements for recognition of the above listed course(s), and to secure the same not later than March 15, 1985. Graduation of students as of the end of the school year, 1984-85 will not be allowed, unless the course(s) shall have been granted government recognition as required by existing law.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

For the Minister of Education,
Culture and Sports:

Regional Director

Registered Mail With
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