

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
Meralco Drive, Pasig, Metro Manila

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DECS Order No. 37, s. 1993

REVIVING THE TWO YEAR ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS


To: Bureau Directors, Center Directors, Regional Directors
Heads of Chartered State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Heads of Community Colleges/Universities and Vocational Schools

1. To encourage qualified students towards enrolling in tertiary level courses with the end in view of ultimately acquiring bachelors' degrees, the two-year Associate Programs such as the A.A., A.C.S., A.B.A., and the like which had been phased out earlier through various DECS issuances are hereby revived, effective this school year 1993-1994. Associate courses of study shall be designed around the first two curriculum years of the relevant bachelors' program, at the discretion of the tertiary institution.

2. Associate courses shall have a minimum of 66 units, excluding the 8 units of Physical Education, for the two-year courses. One-half of the General Education requirements embodied in DECS Order No. 3, s. 1993 shall be observed for completion of the two-year Associate courses. Similarly, one-half of the professional requirements, where applicable as in A.C.S. and A.B.A. courses, shall also be met.

3. Schools already offering the relevant Bachelor's course need not apply for a separate authority to offer the Associate course, but should so inform the appropriate Regional Office in writing, including the curriculum for each Associate course. Schools which intend to offer only the Associate course shall need prior authorization from DECS for the operation of the course.

4. This Order supersedes all existing DECS issuances related to this matter.


ARMAND V. FABELLA
Secretary

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