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**PHILIPPINE VALIDATING TESTS (PVT) FOR LEARNINGS
ACQUIRED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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

1. In view of the increasing number of queries from students, parents, and school administrators on how to avail themselves of the Philippine Validating Tests (PVT) being administered by this Department thru the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC), the following information and the attached guidelines are hereby given.

2. The Philippine Validating Tests (PVT) are intended to validate learnings acquired under the following situations and circumstances:

- a. Students/pupils who studied in schools operating without permit such as the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) schools. These tests are given in order not to jeopardize them after having studied in the schools and paid all the necessary fees but were not properly informed of the status of the school;
- b. A student who, by force of circumstances, was not able to finish the last grading period in his school, but passed all the subjects in the first three grading periods;
- c. A student who is seeking transfer to a school in the Philippines but has not completed the school year abroad, as long as he has completed at least three grading periods; and
- d. Students with special cases deemed meritorious.

3. The National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) shall administer the PVT to pupils/students upon submission of an appropriate request of the school without permit or of the parents and duly indorsed by the Regional Office where the school is located, but in no case shall this school be allowed to continue to operate.

4. In accordance with Memorandum Circular No. 121 and DECS Order No. 100 s. 1993, the examination fee is P50.00 per grade/year level.

5. Enclosed are Guidelines on the administration of the PVT.

6. Immediate dissemination of this DECS Order for the information and guidance of all concerned is desired.


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Secretary

Incl:
As stated

References:
DECS Order No. 100, s. 1992
DECS Order No. 67, s. 1993

Allotment: 1-(D.O. 50-97)

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

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GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE VALIDATING TESTS

1. What are the Philippine Validating Tests (PVT)

The PVT are intended to validate learnings acquired in various situations under certain circumstances. These tests cover five (5) basic subjects in the school curriculum in the elementary and the secondary levels, namely: Communication Arts (English), Mathematics, Science, Araling Pambayan and Sinig ng Komunikasyon (Filipino). The tests are based on the learning competencies prescribed in the elementary and the secondary school curricula.

2. Who are qualified to take the PVT?

Students who can avail themselves of these tests are:

- 2.1 those who enrolled in schools that operate without DECS Permit. In no case shall these schools be allowed to continue further their operation.
- 2.2 those who dropped out of school by force of circumstances before the end of the school year such as absences caused by illness (duly certified by proper authorities) or for other valid reasons, as long as they passed all the subjects in the first three grading periods.
- 2.3 those who studied in a non-graded school but desire to transfer to the graded type of school.
- 2.4 those who studied under an educational system that is different to that of the Philippines, whether local or foreign.
- 2.5 other special cases deemed meritorious, e.g. children of foreign diplomatic officials and missionaries assigned in the Philippines whose grade/year placement is not covered by existing DECS regulations.

3. How does one apply for the test?

Anybody who is interested shall:

- 3.1 file a written request with the Office of the DECS Regional Director concerned, stating therein the nature of the case, and enclosing supporting papers such as the request/indorsement of the principal of the school where the student intend to enrol/transfer, school records, and medical certificate, in case of illness.
- 3.2 present the endorsement of the Regional Director together with other pertinent papers to the NETRC, DECS, Ultra Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila.
- 3.3 Pay a fee of fifty pesos (P50.00) per grade/year level.

4. When is the test administered?

The test is administered whenever necessary, but preferably during the summer months of April and May. The date is arranged between the prospective examinee and NETRC.

5. When is the test result released?

The test result is released at least one week after the test is administered, by the NETRC. The Office of the Regional Director is likewise furnished a copy.