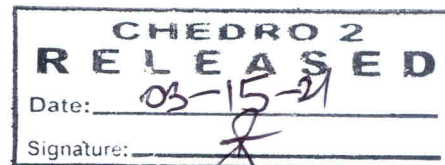




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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Region 02



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 058, Series 2021

**FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN REGION 02**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TULONG
DUNONG PROGRAM (TDP) FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021
AND ONWARDS**

DATE : March 12, 2021

The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 02 hereby disseminates the information in the attached copy of the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2021, entitled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) for Academic Year 2020-2021 and onwards", as reference and guidance in the implementation of the Tulong Dunong Program - Tertiary Education Subsidy (TDP-TES) under the UniFAST.

For your information and guidance.



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 02
Series of 2021

TO : COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM)
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)
CHED-RECOGNIZED LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (LUCs)
PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (Private HEIs)
OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS

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RATIONALE

The Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board issue these Guidelines in order to:

1. Adopt guidelines to ensure that appropriations for Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) are properly administered and implemented according to its purpose; and
2. Facilitate and expedite the disbursement of grants to ongoing and new Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) grantees in Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021 and onwards.

Section 1. POLICY STATEMENT

Special Provision (S.P.) No. 3, Volume I-B, CHED Budget on R.A. No. 11465 or the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2020 provides that, *the implementation of TES shall cover both the existing or ongoing grantees under the TDP and new students deserving of financial assistance grants: PROVIDED, That, all grantees shall be subject to the same subsidy rates, requirements, liquidation procedures and any other guidelines of the TES.*

Thus, in accordance with the pertinent provisions and mandates of the CHED under R.A. No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994 and the UniFAST under R.A. 10931, also known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act", and pursuant to above-cited Special Provision, the CHED-UniFAST, issue these implementing guidelines to promote the efficient utilization of all funds intended for the rational implementation of the grants-in-aid program of the government.

Section 2. PROGRAM TITLE

The financial assistance shall be known as the Tulong-Dunong Program under the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TDP-TES) for A.Y. 2020-2021 and onwards.

Section 3. COVERAGE

The TDP-TES is intended for qualified ongoing and new TDP grantees for A.Y. 2020-2021 and the succeeding Academic Years, enrolled in CHED-recognized programs of Private Higher Education Institutions (private HEIs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), or CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) with Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC).

