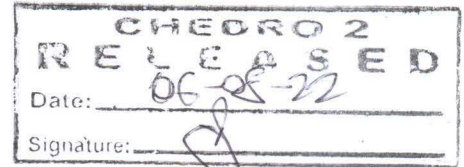




Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Region 02



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 178, Series 2022

FOR : PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED TO ADMIT FOREIGN STUDENTS IN REGION 2

SUBJECT : ENTRY/RE-ENTRY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE : JUNE 8, 2022

Attached is a memorandum from Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, disseminating that the **CHED Endorsement to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as an Entry Exemption Document (EED) is no longer required.**

In the admission of foreign students, HEIs are directed to refer to the guidelines provided in the attached memorandum on the Entry/Re-entry of Foreign Students in the Philippines During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For your information, guidance and compliance.

ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO
OIC-Director IV

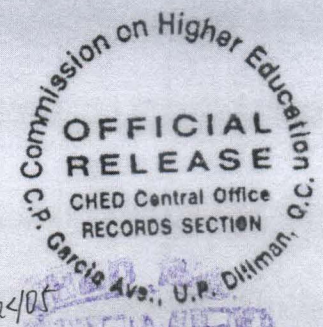
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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

TO CHED REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE
PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
AUTHORIZED TO ADMIT FOREIGN STUDENTS

SUBJECT ENTRY/RE-ENTRY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE
PHILIPPINES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE : **MAY 26, 2022**

In accordance with the provisions of Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Amended Resolution No. 165 s. 2022 dated March 24, 2022 allowing the foreign nationals to enter the Philippines without need of an Entry Exemption Document (EED), and IATF-EID Resolution No. 165-D s. 2022 dated March 31, 2022 reinstating visa issuance and visa-free privileges for fully vaccinated foreign nationals beginning April 1, 2022, the **CHED endorsement to Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as an Entry Exemption Document (EED) is no longer required.**

In the admission of foreign students, the following guidelines are hereby issued by the Commission:

1. The Commission is implementing flexible learning. It is within the discretion of the higher education institution (HEI) based on its self-assessment on whether they will conduct limited face-to-face classes. Considering the foregoing, it is also within the discretion of the HEI whether to require foreign students to go back to the Philippines to participate in the limited face-to-face classes.
2. In the event that there are foreign students who will participate in the limited face-to-face classes, please take note of the following:
 - A. Foreign students entering the Philippines shall coordinate with the concerned HEI, to facilitate the application for the issuance of an appropriate entry visa by the Philippine Embassy in the home country/place of residence, subject to DFA and Bureau of Immigration (BI) existing guidelines and requirements:
 - A.1) Foreign students from **visa-free countries** may enter the country **without entry visas**. Upon arrival in the Philippines and intend to enroll/enrolled in the

Philippine HEIs authorized to admit foreign students, foreign students may apply for the issuance of student visa at the Bureau of Immigration.

- A.2) As an interim measure, foreign students from **visa-required countries** may apply for the **9f (student visa)** as an entry visa to the Philippines. In case of urgency, foreign students who are currently in their home countries and in need to return in the country to participate in the limited face-to-face classes and/or clinical clerkship/internship/laboratories, they may apply for the **9a Temporary Visitor's Visa** as an entry visa.

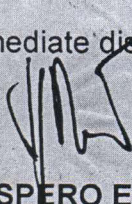
In the issuance of a 9a Temporary Visitor's Visa, a **Notice of Admission/Acceptance (NOA) from the respective HEI** is required by the Philippine Embassy in order to ascertain that the visa applicants are bonafide foreign students. Foreign students with 9a Temporary Visitor's Visa, are required to immediately apply for **conversion of admission status to 9f visa** at the Bureau of Immigration upon arrival in the country.

- B. Foreign students participating in the limited face-to-face classes must **register with the medical insurance that covers medical expenses related to COVID-19** per CHED-DOH-JMC Nos. 221-001 and 221-004. The HEIs may assist the foreign students to facilitate the procurement of their medical insurance, if applicable.

Foreign students who are currently in their home countries are advised to refer to the latest issuances/advisories on travel requirements, health and safety protocols from the respective websites of the Philippine Embassy in their home countries/place of residence and/or Bureau of Immigration.

In the admission of foreign students, HEIs are reminded of the quota requirement and its absorptive capacity. The HEIs shall proactively coordinate with the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) for updates, compliance to health protocols and monitoring purposes.

For immediate dissemination and guidance of all concerned.


J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
Chairman 

