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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER**
**No. 115, series of 2023**

**FOR : PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE/HEADS OF:**

1. **SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY PHILIPPINES**
2. **UNIVERSITY OF SAINT LOUIS**
3. **NUEVA VIZCAYA STATE UNIVERSITY**
4. **CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**SUBJECT : REVOCATION OF MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON "INITIAL LIST OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR 1ST SEMESTER ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021"**

**DATE : MAY 10, 2023**

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Attached for the information and guidance of all concerned is the Memorandum from **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III,** Chairman, Commission on Higher Education regarding the **Revocation of Memorandum from the Office of the Chairperson dated July 14, 2020, on the Initial List of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that can Deliver Online Learning to New International Students while they are still in their Home Countries for 1st Sem Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021**" per CEB No. 133-2023.

For your guidance and compliance.

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**ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO**
OIC-Director IV

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**
**No. 164 , series: 2020**

**TO : PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF:**

1. **ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY PHILIPPINES**
2. **UNIVERSITY OF SAINT LOUIS**
3. **NUEVA VIZCAYA STATE UNIVERSITY**
4. **CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**SUBJECT : INITIAL LIST OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR 1ST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

**DATE : July 27, 2020**

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Attached is a copy of the memorandum from **CHAIRMAN J.PROSPERO E. DE VERA III,** Commission on Higher Education, on the initial list of Higher Education Institutions that can deliver online learning to new International students while they are still in their home countries for 1st Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021 and the guidelines on this online learning delivery.

For your guidance and compliance.

**JULIETA M. PARAS, Ed.D., CESE**
Director IV

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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN**

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| **TO** | : | **DIRECTORS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF CHED REGIONAL OFFICES; AND PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** |
| **SUBJECT** | : | **INITIAL LIST OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR 1ST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021** |
| **DATE** | : | **14 JULY 2020** |

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## A. Background

1. Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, health protocols, community quarantines/lockdowns, and travel restrictions were implemented all over the world as measures to mitigate the transmission of the virus. On 19 March 2020, the Department of International Affairs (DFA) issued an advisory announcing the temporary suspension of visa issuance in all its International Service Posts effective immediately and will be valid and effective until further notice in light of Proclamation No. 922, dated March 8, 2020, declaring a "State of Public Health Emergency" throughout the Philippines; and Proclamation No. 929, dated March 16, 2020, declaring a "State of Calamity" throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19. Since 22 March 2020, the DFA cancelled all previously issued visas (primarily 9a Temporary Visitor/Tourist Visas) to international nationals. These developments have implications on the admission of new international students by Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs) for Academic Year (AY) 2020-2021.

2. In a meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on International Students (IACFS) held on 13 May 2020, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) expressed that it can allow Philippine HEIs to admit new international students this 1st



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semester AY 2020-2021 while they are still in their home countries provided that the HEIs are capable of providing full online learning , as determined by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and that these students are expected to arrive in the Philippines in the 2nd semester or once travel restrictions are lifted and visa issuances resume. This matter was discussed by the Commission en banc (CEB) during its meeting on 19 May 2020.

**B. Guidelines**

1. Per CEB Resolution No. 248-2020, the Commission shall be implementing the following guidelines on the admission of new international students in AY 2020-2021 while they are still in their home countries:

1.1 Qualified HEIs with BI accreditation to admit international students may continue to admit new international students for the 1st semester of AY 2020-2021 and deliver their classes online to these students provided these HEIs meet the following criteria and requirements:

a. Private and Public HEIs with status of excellence

a.1 Must either be Private HEIs with autonomous or deregulated status, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) with SUC Level III or IV status or Public or Private HEIs designated as Center of Excellence (COE) or Center of Development (COD) in the program/s wherein the HEIs are authorized to accept international students in;

a.2 Must have a fully functional Learning Management System (LMS) that has been used for online learning for at least one school year prior.

b. For HEIs that do not have any of the foregoing statuses, they must submit their application to the CHEDROs to undergo evaluation by a Committee constituted by the OSDS and the IAS to determine their capability to implement online classes for international students and provide international student support service within the purview of this memorandum. The HEI shall be required to submit the following to the Office of Student Development and Services (OSDS) before it admits new international students while in their home countries:

- Cover Letter
- Course/Subject Matrix indicating the courses/subjects to be delivered online, subject title, subject description, for what degree program, number of units, faculty in charge, maximum number of international students per course/subject, and learning assessment strategies to be used.

- Information on Learning Management System (LMS) – name of LMS, when it was implemented, platform being used, and other specifications
- Proposed schedule of demonstration of the LMS.

2. The online learning classes are restricted to foundational or theoretical subjects only. Clerkship, internship, or subjects requiring the use of laboratories are not yet allowed to be delivered virtually.

3. The HEIs shall only admit new international students in degree programs that they are given authority to accept international students. The HEIs shall submit to their respective CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) the names of the international students they have admitted while they are still in their home countries and evidence of their functional LMS (for HEIs qualifying under B.1.1.a., students to be admitted in medical or dental programs shall still be required to apply for Certificate of Eligibility.)

4. The number of new international students to be admitted in the degree program shall not exceed the number of students (both international and Filipino students) allowable if the degree program is residential or offered face-to-face.

5. This learning arrangement is temporary and shall only be implemented for the 1st semester of AY 2020-2021 or until travel restrictions are lifted and visa issuances by the DFA resume.

6. Among the 653 institutions accredited by the Bureau of Immigration to admit international students, there are 142 HEIs that are already deemed eligible to deliver course content fully online and thus, will be allowed by the Bureau of Immigration to admit new international students for 1st semester AY 2020-2021. (Please refer to the attached list.)

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

**J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA**
Chairman
Commission on Higher Education

**INITIAL LIST OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR 1ST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

**I. Private HEIs with Autonomous or Deregulated Status (Per CMO No. 12, s. 2019 and CMO No. 20, s. 2016)**

| | REGION | NAME OF HEIs | LOCATION | STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | I | Lorma Colleges | Carlatan Campus, San Fernando City, La Union | Deregulated |
| 2 | I | Lyceum Northwestern University | Tapuac District, Dagupan City | Autonomous |
| 3 | I | Northwestern University | Don Mariano Marcos Ave., Laoag City | Deregulated |
| 4 | I | University of Luzon | Perez Blvd., Dagupan City | Autonomous |
| 5 | I | Virgen Milagrosa University Foundation | San Carlos, Pangasinan | Autonomous |
| 6 | II | St. Paul University Philippines | Mabini St., Tuguegarao City, Cagayan | Autonomous |
| 7 | II | University of Saint Louis | Mabini St., Tuguegarao City, Cagayan | Autonomous |
| 8 | III | Angeles University Foundation | Angeles City, Pampanga | Autonomous |
| 9 | III | Baliuag University | Gil Carlos St., Baliuag, Bulacan | Autonomous |
| 10 | III | Holy Angel University | Sto. Rosario St., Angeles City, Pampanga | Autonomous |
| 11 | III | La Consolacion University Philippines | Malolos City, Bulacan | Deregulated |
| 12 | III | Wesleyan University-Philippines | Mabini Extension, Cabanatuan City | Autonomous |
| 13 | IV | Adventist University of the Philippines | Silang, Cavite | Autonomous |
| 14 | IV | Colegio de San Juan de Letran – Calamba | Bucal Bypass Rd., Calamba, Laguna | Autonomous |
| 15 | IV | De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute | Gov. D. Mangubat Ave., Dasmariñas City, Cavite | Autonomous |
| 16 | IV | De La Salle University - Dasmariñas | Dasmariñas City, Cavite | Autonomous |
| 17 | IV | Lyceum of the Philippines University – Batangas | Capitol Site, Batangas City | Autonomous |
| 18 | IV | Lyceum of the Philippines-Laguna | Brgy. Makiling, Calamba City | Autonomous |
| 19 | IV | Malayan Colleges of Laguna | Pulo-Diezmo Rd., Cabuyao, Laguna | Autonomous |
| 20 | IV | Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation-Lucena | University Site, Lucena City | Autonomous |
| 21 | IV | Saint Michael's College of Laguna | Old National Road, Biñan, Laguna | Autonomous |

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| 22 | IV | St. Dominic College of Asia | Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Bacoor, Cavite | Deregulated |
| 23 | IV | University of Batangas | Hilltop Rd., Batangas City | Autonomous |
| 24 | IV | University of Perpetual Help System Laguna | National Highway, Sto. Niño, Biñan City, Laguna | Autonomous |
| 25 | IV | University of Perpetual Help System-DALTA-Calamba | Brgy. Paciano Rizal, Calamba, Laguna | Deregulated |
| 26 | IV | University of Perpetual Help System-DALTA-Molino | Molino Road, Molino III, Bacoor, Cavite | Deregulated |
| 27 | V | Ateneo De Naga University | Ateneo Avenue, Naga City | Autonomous |
| 28 | VI | Central Philippine University | Lopez Jaena St., Jaro, Iloilo City | Autonomous |
| 29 | VI | Filamer Christian University | Roxas City, Capiz | Deregulated |
| 30 | VI | John B. Lacson Colleges Foundation-Bacolod | Pauline Village, Alijis, Bacolod, Negros Occidental | Autonomous |
| 31 | VI | John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University | Molo Campus, Iloilo City | Autonomous |
| 32 | VI | University of San Agustin | General Luna St., Iloilo City | Deregulated |
| 33 | VI | University of St. La Salle | La Salle Ave., Bacolod City | Autonomous |
| 34 | VII | Cebu Institute of Technology-University | N. Bacalso Ave., Cebu City | Autonomous |
| 35 | VII | Holy Name University | Tagbilaran City, Bohol | Deregulated |
| 36 | VII | Silliman University | Hibbard Ave., Dumaguete City | Autonomous |
| 37 | VII | St. Paul University Dumaguete | North National Highway, Bantayan, Dumaguete City | Autonomous |
| 38 | VII | University of Cebu | Sanciangko St., Cebu City | Autonomous |
| 39 | VII | University of San Carlos | Cebu City | Autonomous |
| 40 | VII | University of San Jose - Recoletos | Magallanes St., Cebu City | Autonomous |
| 41 | VII | University of the Visayas | Corner D. Jakosalem and Colon Sts., Cebu City | Deregulated |
| 42 | IX | Ateneo De Zamboanga University | Zamboanga City | Autonomous |
| 43 | X | Capitol University | Cagayan De Oro City | Autonomous |
| 44 | XI | Ateneo De Davao University | E. Jacinto St., Davao City | Autonomous |
| 45 | XI | University of Mindanao | Bolton Campus, Davao City | Autonomous |
| 46 | XI | University of the Immaculate Conception | Fr. Selga St., Davao City | Autonomous |
| 47 | XII | Notre Dame of Dadiangas University | Marist Ave., General Santos City | Deregulated |
| 48 | CAR | Saint Louis University | A. Bonifacio St., Baguio City | Autonomous |
| 49 | CAR | University of Baguio | Gen. Luna Rd., Baguio City | Autonomous |
| 50 | CAR | University of the Cordilleras | Governor Pack Rd., Baguio City | Autonomous |
| 51 | NCR | Adamson University | San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila | Autonomous |
| 52 | NCR | AMA University | Maxima St., Villa Arca Subd., Project 8, Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 53 | NCR | Asia Pacific College | Humabon Place, Magallanes, Makati City | Autonomous |
| 54 | NCR | Assumption College | San Lorenzo Village, Makati City | Autonomous |

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| 55 | NCR | Ateneo De Manila University (including Graduate School of Business in Makati and School of Medicine and Public Health in Pasig) | Loyola Heights, Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 56 | NCR | Centro Escolar University - Mendiola and Makati Campuses | Mendiola St., San Miguel, Manila | Autonomous |
| 57 | NCR | De La Salle University | Taft Avenue, Manila | Autonomous |
| 58 | NCR | De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde | Taft Avenue, Manila | Autonomous |
| 59 | NCR | Emilio Aguinaldo College | San Marcelino St., Paco, Manila | Autonomous |
| 60 | NCR | Far Eastern University | Nicanor Reyes St., Sampaloc, Manila | Autonomous |
| 61 | NCR | Jose Rizal University | Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City | Autonomous |
| 62 | NCR | Lyceum of the Philippines University | Muralla St., Intramuros, Manila | Autonomous |
| 63 | NCR | Mapua University - Intramuros and Makati Campuses | Muralla St., Intramuros, Manila | Autonomous |
| 64 | NCR | Miriam College | Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 65 | NCR | National University | M.F. Jhocson St., Sampaloc, Manila | Autonomous |
| 66 | NCR | Our Lady of Fatima University | 120 McArthur Highway, Marulas, Valenzuela City | Autonomous |
| 67 | NCR | Philippine Christian University | Taft Ave. corner Pedro Gil St., Manila | Autonomous |
| 68 | NCR | Philippine Women's University | Taft Ave., Manila | Deregulated |
| 69 | NCR | San Beda University | Mendiola St., Manila | Deregulated |
| 70 | NCR | Southville International School and Colleges | Tropical Ave. cor Luxembourg St., BF Homes International, Las Piñas City | Autonomous |
| 71 | NCR | St. Paul University Quezon City | Aurora Blvd. corner Gilmore Ave., Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 72 | NCR | Technological Institute of the Philippines | P. Casal St., Quiapo, Manila | Autonomous |
| 73 | NCR | Technological Institute of the Philippines-Quezon City | Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 74 | NCR | Trinity University of Asia | Cathedral Heights, E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City | Autonomous |
| 75 | NCR | University of Asia and the Pacific | Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City | Autonomous |
| 76 | NCR | University of Perpetual Help System DALTA | Alabang-Zapote Ave., Pamplona 3, Las Piñas | Autonomous |
| 77 | NCR | University of Santo Tomas | España, Manila | Autonomous |
| 78 | NCR | University of the East | Claro M. Recto Ave., Sampaloc, Manila | Autonomous |
| 79 | NCR | University of the East – Caloocan | Samson Road, Caloocan City | Autonomous |

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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 **REVOCATION OF MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON "INITIAL LIST OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING TO NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR 1ST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021**

DATE : **APRIL 15, 2023**

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This has reference to the Memorandum from the Office of the Chairperson dated July 14, 2020, on the Initial List of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that can Deliver Online Learning to New International Students While They are Still in their Home Countries for 1st Semester, AY 2020-2021 per CEB Resolution 248-2020.

The said Memorandum was issued to determine the capability of the HEIs to admit new international students and implement full online learning to them while in their home countries. The learning arrangement is temporary and shall only be implemented for the 1st semester, AY 2020-2021, or until travel restrictions were lifted; and visa issuances by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) resume.

With the ease of travel restrictions, and resumption of visa issuances by DFA to all international students/passengers entering our country beginning April 1, 2022, per IATF Resolution N. 165-D; and the transition to onsite learning, **all ongoing international students** who were enrolled/admitted by the authorized HEIs per Memorandum from the Office of the Chairperson dated July 14, 2020, and currently in their home countries are **required to report/return in the country effective 1st semester, AY 2023-2024.** For this purpose, HEIs are reminded of Sections 3 and 4 of the said memorandum stating that HEIs shall submit to their respective CHEDROs the names of the international students they have admitted and that the number of international students shall not exceed the number of students allowable if the degree program is residential. HEIs should be mindful of the said provisions when international students return to the Philippines.

International students with 9a Temporary Visitor's Visa, are required to immediately apply for **conversion of admission status to 9f** (student visa) at the Bureau of Immigration upon arrival in the country.

In the admission of international students, HEIs shall adhere to the existing laws and applicable policies in the admission of foreign students into a degree program/s. Please take note that the flexible learning approach is not synonymous with transnational education or distance education. Hence, HEIs who opt to deliver via Distance Education and/or Transnational Education shall apply for Government Authority based on the existing requirements, laws, policies, and procedures of the Commission.

In view of the foregoing, and per CEB No. 133-2023, **this Memorandum revokes the Memorandum from the Office of the Chairperson dated July 20, 2020, effective immediately.**

For information and guidance of all concerned.

**J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA**
Chairman