



COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

REGIONAL OFFICE II

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 250, series of 2023



FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: CHED ISSUES SHOW CAUSE ORDER VS PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

DATE : AUGUST 22, 2023

Attached for the information of all concerned is the press release statement of CHED Chairperson **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III** on the issuance of a show cause order by the CHED Commission en banc against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED in its initial findings.

The show cause order to PCU is due to the following offenses:

1. Offering transnational higher education (TNHE) programs without the requisite government permit, in violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, s. 2023;
2. Failure to provide relevant data on its international institutional partners, i.e., notarized MOAs, accomplished activities, among others, in violation of RA 11448, its IRR, and CMO No. 6, s. 2023;
3. Non-compliance with the prescribed faculty to student ratio for its Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program;
4. Posting public announcements about TNHE programs without the proper CHED authorization in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR;
5. Partnering with institutions that are not recognized by their respective governments as quality higher education providers nor accredited by recognized accrediting body(ies) in its country of origin, in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR; and
6. Offering shortened graduate programs through extension classes via distance education and online modalities without authority, in violation of CMO No. 27, s. 2005.

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Press Release
21 August 2023



CHED issues show cause order vs Philippine Christian University

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on August 15, issued a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED on its initial findings.

To protect the public and pursuant to existing laws and regulations, PCU is ordered to immediately cease and desist from offering and implementing any and all programs for which it does not have official CHED permit, recognition or authorization to offer or conduct, including but not limited to, transnational higher education, distance education and fully online classes.

By authority and upon instruction of the CHED Commission en banc, in accordance with Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 and Republic Act No. 7722, CHED's issuance of the show cause order to PCU is due to the following offenses:

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Chairman
CHED and UniFAST Board