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Department of Education  
Region I



Office of the Regional Director

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**UPDATES AND REMINDERS ON THE NATIONAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATION  
FOR SCHOOL HEADS (NQESH) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY)  
2021**

To: **All Schools Division Superintendents**

1. This is reference to the attached Memorandum DM-HROD-2021-0152 dated September 7, 2021 from Dir. Wilfredo E. Cabral, Regional Director, DepEd National Capital Region and Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary Human Resource and Organizational Development regarding the Updates and Reminders on the National Qualifying Examination for School Heads (NQESH) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. Please be informed that the conduct of the NQESH will be moved to March 2022 due to the present pandemic.
2. As such, be clarified that aspiring School Heads, **regardless of their current position**, are qualified to take the NQESH, provided that the following requirements are:
  - a. Meets the minimum Qualification Standards (QS) for Principal 1 position stipulated in DepEd Order No. 39, s. 2007 entitled Modified Qualification Standards for the Positions of Head Teachers and Principals, and
  - b. Has acquired **ANY** of the following experience requirements as of **February 2022**:
    - One year as Head Teacher; or
    - Two years as Teacher-in-Charge; or
    - Two years as Master Teacher; or
    - Five years as Teacher III or SPED Teacher; or
    - Five years as incumbent public-school teacher who has five years of managerial and supervisory experience in a DepEd-recognized private institution or Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recognized higher education institution
3. Be advised to look into the enumerated experience requirements. Furthermore, applicants are encouraged to be familiar with the Philippine Professional Standards for School Heads (PPSSH) and to prepare the required documents needed once the registration for the NQESH commences.
4. This Office also reiterates as a precaution, be reminded that **DepEd values the credibility and integrity of the examination**. The agency is NOT, in any way, affiliated with individuals, institutions, or organizations offering and providing review sessions or claiming to have access to the content of the examination. However, to support qualified NQESH takers, Schools Division Offices (SDOs) through the Human Resource Development Unit are encouraged to design and provide appropriate learning and development interventions that are aligned with the Philippine Professional Standards for School Heads.
5. For information, guidance and strict compliance.

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Encl.: As stated  
Reference: Memorandum DM-HROD-2021-0152

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