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ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT TEST (PEPT)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) Region I announces the administration of the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and procedures prescribed by the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA).

2. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are hereby directed to facilitate and ensure the proper administration of the PEPT within their respective areas of jurisdiction, including the identification and registration of qualified examinees, preparation of testing venues, designation of testing personnel, and observance of test security and confidentiality protocols.

3. The Division Testing Coordinators and concerned school personnel shall ensure that all examinees are properly informed of the testing schedule, requirements, and other pertinent procedures to facilitate the orderly and efficient conduct of the examination.

4. All concerned are advised to strictly observe the provisions and procedures stipulated in **DepEd Memorandum No. 53, s. 2026**, entitled "Administration of the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT)," which is attached to this Memorandum for reference and guidance.

5. For clarification and other concerns, please coordinate with the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), DepEd Regional Office I through telephone number (072) 682-2324 local 120 and email at clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph

6. For information and guidance.

ESTELA P. LEON-CARIÑO EdD, CESO III
Director IV/Regional Director

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGULAR PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT TEST

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), hereby announces the **Administration of the Regular Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT)** in **November 2026** in Schools Division Offices (SDOs) with designated testing centers. Specific details regarding the administration of the examination shall be announced in a separate Advisory.

2. The PEPT is a nationally-administered assessment which allows learners in special circumstances to access or resume schooling and/or obtain a certificate of completion at a specific grade level within the DepEd formal education system.

3. The target registrants for the PEPT are the following:

a. Learners from schools without a government permit;
b. Learners from nonformal and informal education programs;
c. Learners who have incomplete or no records of formal schooling;
d. Learners with back subjects;
e. Learners who need a grade-level standards assessment; and
f. Learners who are overage for their grade levels.

4. Pursuant to Section 6 (Grade Level Placement Assessment) of DO No. 55, s. 2016, the placement of regular PEPT qualifiers shall take effect in the next or subsequent school year (SY), not during the current SY in which the test was administered.

Test Registration

5. **No test registration fees** shall be collected from test registrants.

6. The test registration shall be conducted in SDOs with designated testing centers from the date of publication of this Memorandum in the DepEd website until **one (1) week before the scheduled test administration**.

7. The number of registrants shall not exceed the allocated test materials per testing center. Attached is the list of the allocation of test materials and testing centers (refer to **Enclosure No. 1**).

8. In cases where registration in a particular SDO and its designated testing center has reached full capacity, registrants shall be redirected to a nearby SDO with a designated testing center that has available allocated test materials. No exceptions shall be allowed once the maximum registration capacity for an SDO has been reached.

9. The Regular PEPT Registration Form may be downloaded from **https://bit.ly/BEARegularPEPT** (refer to **Enclosure No. 2**).

10. The Division Testing Coordinators (DTCs) shall be in charge of the evaluation of documents and ensure that the documentary requirements of each registrant are complete. Below are the requirements for specific types of test registrants.

a. For new PEPT registrants

i. Original and one (1) photocopy of the **birth certificate**, duly authenticated and issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Office) or by the Local Civil Registrar;
ii. Certified true copy of the **permanent school record** (e.g., SF10/Form 137), signed by the school principal, registrar, or school administrator) with a dry seal;
iii. **Certificate of attendance in intervention programs** or any proof of schooling (if applicable);
iv. Two (2) identical and recently taken **1x1 color identification (ID) pictures with name tags and a white background** (other ID picture sizes will not be accepted); and
v. One (1) copy of the accomplished **PEPT Registration Form**.

b. For retakers and PEPT passers

i. Original and one (1) photocopy of the **PEPT Certificate of Rating**,
ii. Two (2) identical and recently taken **1x1 color ID pictures with name tags and a white background** (other ID picture sizes will not be accepted), and
iii. One (1) copy of the accomplished **PEPT Registration Form**.

Registrants shall submit their duly accomplished Regular PEPT Registration Form and all required supporting documents to the SDO where they intend to take the test.

Note: Registrants with incomplete documentary requirements shall not be accommodated.

11. All personal information and sensitive personal information collected shall be processed strictly in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 10173, otherwise known as the *"Data Privacy Act of 2012"* and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other applicable National Privacy Commission issuances. The processing of any gathered data and information should be in compliance with the confidentiality and privacy requirements under the said law and applicable regulations.

Testing Centers, Test Materials, and Actual Registrants

12. The testing centers shall be located in select SDOs. Moreover, some SDOs shall have more than one (1) testing center.

13. Should there be any request to change testing centers, it shall be formally endorsed by the schools division superintendent to the Director IV of the BEA through **https://tinyurl.com/RegPEPTChangeofTC** on or before **September 30, 2026**.

14. Requests for additional testing centers shall not be permitted.

15. BEA shall provide the number of test materials per SDO and designated testing center.

16. The DTCs are required to submit the **estimated number of learners with disabilities (LWDs) who need special assistance** to BEA through **https://tinyurl.com/RegPEPTLWDAllocation** on or before **September 30, 2026**.

17. The DTCs are required to encode the **actual list of PEPT registrants** and other relevant information at least one week before the test administration. The file may be accessed through **https://tinyurl.com/RegularPEPTActualRegistrants**.

Examination Day

18. **No walk-in policy** shall be strictly implemented on the day of test administration to ensure test security, accurate evaluation, the completeness of documentary requirements, and an orderly flow of services.

19. All examinees are required to arrive at the testing center at least one (1) hour before the scheduled time for preliminary activities.

20. The following items are **strictly prohibited** inside the testing room:

    a. Mobile phones;
    b. Review materials/notes; and
    c. Other electronic devices

21. Any form of cheating, misconduct, or violation of this policy may result in the cancellation or invalidation of the examinee's test results.

22. Examinees shall be required to bring two (2) pencils, eraser, and sharpener. Borrowing or lending of these items during the examination is discouraged. Any examinee who engages in any act that disturbs, interrupts, or otherwise interferes with the orderly conduct of the examination shall be subject to appropriate action by the Room Examiner. Continued or willful disruption of the examination may result

in the cancellation of the examinee's test results or disqualification from the examination, as the case may be.

Test Results

23. Examinees whose test score in one (1) learning area is lower than seventy-five percent (75%) may be allowed to retake the exam for the said learning area within six (6) months from the release of the results. On the other hand, examinees whose test scores in two (2) or more learning areas are below seventy-five percent (75%) must retake the exam for all learning areas.

24. A Certificate of Rating shall be issued to each examinee. Information regarding the release of results shall be announced in a separate Advisory.

National Training and Orientation

25. BEA shall schedule a virtual orientation to formally announce the commencement of PEPT registration, disseminate relevant information to the field, and discuss the allocation of test materials. The virtual orientation shall be attended by Regional Testing Coordinators (RTCs), DTCs, and other key testing personnel who will be involved in the test administration. The virtual orientation details shall be announced in a separate Advisory.

26. BEA shall also schedule a national training and orientation for the evaluation of PEPT documentary requirements and test administration guidelines. The training and orientation shall be attended by all RTCs and DTCs. The national training and orientation details shall be announced in a separate Advisory.

27. All activities shall strictly observe established health and safety protocols.

28. This Memorandum shall take effect upon its approval, issuance, and publication on the DepEd official website and the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. Certified copies shall be registered at the University of the Philippines Office of the National Administrative Register (UP ONAR), College of Law, Diliman, Quezon City.

29. For more information, please contact the **Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Assessment Division**, Ground Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at bea.ead@deped.gov.ph or by telephone at (02) 8631-2589.

30. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:

CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

Encls.:
As stated

References:
DepEd Order (No. 55, s. 2016)
DepEd Memorandum No. 098, s. 2025

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MSM, JMC, MPC, DM Administration of the Regular PEPT
0238 – June 10, 2026

(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Memorandum No. 053, s. 2026)

Annex A

PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT TEST
ALLOCATION

Region	Division Code	Schools Division Office	No. of Testing Centers	Testing Center Code	Name of Testing Center	Allocation
I	A01	Dagupan City	1	01	SDO-DIVISION TRAINING CENTER,DAGUPAN CITY	50
I	A02	Ilocos Norte	1	01	SCHOOL DIVISION OF ILOCOS NORTE	43
I	A03	Ilocos Sur	1	01	BANTAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	38
I	A04	Laoag City	1	01	GABALDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	110
I	A05	La Union	1	01	PARINGAO ELEMENTARY SCH	113
I	A06	Pangasinan I	1	01	PANGASINAN NHS	86
I	A07	Pangasinan II	1	01	BINALONAN PANGASINAN II	20
I	A10	Candon City	1	01	CANDON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	20
I	A13	Vigan City	1	01	ILOCOS SUR NATIONAL HS	60
II	B01	Batanes	1	01	SDO BATANES	20
II	B02	Cagayan	1	01	APARRI EAST NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	196
II	B03	Isabela	1	01	NAGUILIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	126
II	B04	Nueva Vizcaya	1	01	BAYOMBONG SOUTH ES	116
II	B06	Tuguegarao City	1	01	CAGAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	68
II	B08	Santiago City	1	01	SANTIAGO SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOOL	40
III	C01	Angeles City	1	01	ANGELES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	131
III	C02	Bataan	1	01	TOMAS PINPIN MES	481
III	C03	Bulacan	1	01	BAJET CASTILLO HIGH SCHOOL	160
III	C05	Nueva Ecija	1	01	NUEVA ECIJA HIGH SCHOOL	73
III	C06	Olongapo City	1	01	ASINAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	217
III	C08	Tarlac	1	01	TARLAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	53
III	C09	Zambales	1	01	ZAMBALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	40
III	C11	San Jose Del Monte City	1	01	SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CENTRAL SCHOOL	310
III	C12	San Fernando City	1	01	SINDALAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	209
III	C14	Gapan City	1	01	GAPAN SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOOL	28
III	C15	Balanga City	1	01	BALANGA CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	20
III	C17	Malolos City	1	01	STA.ISABEL ELEMENTRY SCHOOL	98
IV-A	D01	Antipolo City	1	01	SAN ISIDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	431
IV-A	D02	Batangas	1	01	BAUAN EAST CENTRAL SCHOOL	70
IV-A	D03	Batangas City	1	01	BATANGAS CITY EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	186
IV-A	D04	Cavite	1	01	TRECE MARTIRES CITY ELEM.SCHOOL	352

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 053 s, 2026)

Annex B

Local Examination Management's (LEM) Copy

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PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT TEST (PEPT)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Registrant/ Examinee	*Last Name*	*First Name*	*M.I.*

Mailing Address	*No., Street, Barrio, Town, Province/City*	*Age*	*Sex*	*Learner with Disabilities (LWDs) needing special assistance*
			☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year)	*Contact Number*	*Date of Examination (Month/Date/Year)*

Name and Address of School Last Attended	*Last Grade Level Completed*	*Grade Level/s to Take (check all that applies)*
	To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator	***To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator***
	☐ No Schooling ☐ Grade 5 ☐ Kindergarten ☐ Grade 6 ☐ Grade 1 ☐ Grade 7 ☐ Grade 2 ☐ Grade 8 ☐ Grade 3 ☐ Grade 9 ☐ Grade 4	☐ Kindergarten ☐ Grade 8 ☐ Grade 1 ☐ Grade 9 ☐ Grade 2 ☐ Grade 10 ☐ Grade 3 ☐ for retake, indicate ☐ Grade 4 the grade level/s and ☐ Grade 5 subject/s to take ☐ Grade 6 _____ ☐ Grade 7 _____
Purpose ***To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator*** ☐ Placement ☐ Validation ☐ Subject Completion ☐ Retake		

Place and Date of Registration	*Examination Center*

1" x 1" Picture

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DIVISION TESTING COORDINATOR (DTC)

1. Before signing this form, please ensure that all entries on **Age, Last Grade Level Completed,** and **Grade Level/s to Take** are legible and correct.
2. Detach **Admission Slip** and give it to the applicant.
3. Keep the **LEM's Copy** and give it to the **Chief Examiner** on examination day for the applicant verification purposes.
4. Return to the applicant all the original copies of the documents submitted.
5. **NO REGISTRATION FEE**

To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator

For NEW PEPT REGISTRANTS

- ☐ Original and Photocopy of Birth Certificate (NSO/PSA or Local Civil Registrar)
- ☐ Certified True Copy of Schools Records with dry seal (SF10/F137 signed by the School Principal/ Registrar/Administrator)
- ☐ Identical and recently taken 1x1 colored ID pictures with name tag (2 pcs) with white background

For retakers and PEPT passers only

- ☐ Original and Photocopy of Certificate of Rating (COR)
- ☐ Identical and recently taken 1x1 colored ID Pictures with name tag (2 pcs) with white background

Additional Requirements for PEPT Validation Purposes only

- ☐ Endorsement Letters
  - ☐ Regional Office
  - ☐ Schools Division Office

I hereby declare under oath that I have personally accomplished this Registration Form and that by affixing my name below, I am certifying that all documents attached to this application are a faithful reproduction of the original, and that all statements and information provided therein are complete, accurate, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am assuming full responsibility and accountability for the correctness of the details provided and for the document's authenticity.

I voluntarily consent to the collection, use, processing, storage, and disclosure of my personal data for lawful and declared purposes, in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, with the understanding that my data will be protected, retained only as necessary or as required by law, and that I may exercise my rights as a data subject, including the right to withdraw consent subject to applicable legal limitations.

_____
Signature over Printed Name of Registrant/Examinee

Registrant's Copy

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ADMISSION SLIP

Name of Registrant/ Examinee	*Last Name*	*First Name*	*M.I.*

Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year)	*Age*	*Date of Examination (Month/Date/Year)*

Examination Center	*Last Grade Level Completed*	*Grade Level/s to Take*
	To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator	***To be filled out by the Division Testing Coordinator***

1" x 1" Picture

NOTES:

1. Upon registration, the **Registration Officer** will inform you of the examination date and venue.
2. Complete all the information in the Registration Form.
3. On the examination day, the examinee must be in the venue at 7:30 A.M. Bring this slip and at least two (2) pieces of No. 2 pencils.

Certified True and Correct:

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Signature over Printed Name of Division Testing Coordinator