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ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPUTER-BASED NATIONAL CAREER ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION (CB-NCAE) FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 065, s. 2026, entitled *Administration of the Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination for School Year 2026–2027*, the Department of Education, through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), shall administer the Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination (CB-NCAE) to eligible Grade 9 and Grade 10 learners enrolled in public and private schools with government permit or recognition.

2. The CB-NCAE aims to provide career guidance to learners in making informed educational and career choices based on their interests, aptitudes, and preferences. It covers the following assessment domains: Career and Occupational Roles Explorer (CORE); and General Scholastic Aptitude (GSA).

3. The administration of the examination shall follow the prescribed testing windows:

GRADE LEVEL	TESTING WINDOW
Grdae 10	November 19 to December 16, 2026
Grade 9	February 2 to March 26, 2027

4. To provide learners and teachers the opportunity to experience the testing environment, identify areas for improvement, and to ensure adequate preparedness and familiarity with the testing procedures, an Assessment Platform Walkthrough, Test Orientation, and Technical Assessment shall be conducted prior to the actual examination. These activities shall praddress potential technical issues that may affect the conduct of the assessment.

5. In schools with limited functional computer units and internet connectivity, SDOs are encouraged to coordinate with nearby schools and partner institutions with adequate technological resources. If necessary, laptops, tablets, and other testing resources may be temporarily transferred to schools with limited facilities. The transfer of learners shall only be permitted when the receiving school is located within the same school district.

6. All activities related to the administration of the assessment shall strictly observe applicable health and safety protocols consistent with existing DepEd policies and guidelines.

7. 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

8. For information and guidance.

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Director IV/ Regional Director

Encl.: None
Reference: DepEd Order 65, s. 2026

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), with the assistance of schools division offices (SDOs) and secondary school personnel, will administer the **Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination (CB-NCAE)** for school year (SY) 2026–2027, pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) 55, s. 2016, titled Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program.

2. The NCAE is designed to provide career guidance to individual learners for their future educational and career choices and a basis for profiling learners' aptitudes, covering the following domains: **Career and Occupational Roles Explorer (CORE)** and **General Scholastic Aptitude (GSA)**. The CORE includes CORE-A (RIASEC) and CORE-B (Thurstone Model), which is an inventory of occupational interests that provides an assessment of inclinations/preferences for comprehensive career guidance. The GSA covers Abstract Reasoning, Logical Reasoning, Mechanical Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning, and Verbal Reasoning (English and Filipino).

3. The administration of the test is pursuant to DO 009, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education for **all Grade 9 and 10 learners** who are currently enrolled in public and private schools with a government permit or recognition. The specific testing window for each grade level is as follows:

Grade Level	Testing Window
10	November 19 to December 16, 2026
9	February 2 to March 26, 2027

4. The testing dates within the designated testing window shall be determined by the regional offices, in coordination with the SDOs.

5. To ensure adequate preparedness and familiarity with the testing procedures, an **Assessment Platform Walkthrough**, **Test Orientation**, and **Technical Assessment** shall be conducted prior to the national administration. This activity aims to provide learners and teachers with an opportunity to experience the testing environment, identify areas for improvement, and address potential issues that may affect performance during the actual examination. A monitoring tool shall be given to assess the conduct of the walkthrough and actual test administration.

6. In light of the limited availability of functional computer units and internet connectivity challenges in some schools, institutions are encouraged to coordinate with nearby or partner schools and institutions with adequate technological resources. When necessary, laptop/tablet units and other testing resources may be temporarily transferred to schools with limited facilities to enable them to administer the computer-based testing. This initiative aims to optimize the use of existing technological resources and ensure that all learners have equitable access to the tools required for test-taking. The transfer of learners shall be permitted only when the nearby school is located within the school district.

7. BEA shall conduct a virtual orientation for the Regional Testing Coordinators, Regional Information Technology Officers, Division Testing Coordinators, Division Information Technology Officers, and Private Schools Supervisors on the administration of the test. The schedule and meeting details will be provided through a separate Advisory.

8. Learners with disabilities may also be assessed, provided that the test accommodations stipulated in Section 9 of DO 55, s. 2016 are duly observed.

9. All activities related to the administration of the assessment shall strictly observe applicable health and safety protocols, consistent with existing DepEd policies and guidelines.

10. 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.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:

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Undersecretary for Learning Systems

References:
DepEd Order (Nos. DO 009, s. 2026 and 55, s. 2016)
DepEd Memorandum 108, s. 2025