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**SUBJECT: POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ON THE CONFERMENT OF
HONORARY DEGREES BY HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", and by virtue of Resolution No. 805 s. 2006 of the Commission en banc, dated November 13, 2006, the following are the policies and revised guidelines that are hereby adopted by the Commission for information, guidance and compliance for the grant of honorary degrees by higher education institutions in the Philippines.

1. Any honorary degree to be awarded by a qualified private and public higher education institution shall be for a doctorate level only. The degree shall be any of the following and shall be indicated as follows:

Doctor of Humanities	(H.D.)
Doctor of Laws	(LL.D.)
Doctor of Music	(Mus. D.)
Doctor of Literature	(Litt. D.)
Doctor of Science	(Sc.D.)
Doctor of Pedagogy	(P.D.)
Doctor of Technology	(D.Tech.)

2. The higher education institutions (HEIs) that shall award an honorary doctorate must possess the following qualifications:
 - a. Whether a university or a college it must have existed for at least twenty-five (25) years and;
 - b. Must offer at least one (1) doctoral program with government recognition, in the case of private higher education institutions and with approval of the Board of Trustees/Regents, in the case of state and local colleges and universities.
3. The honorary doctorate degree shall be conferred upon persons who have attained exceptionally meritorious achievements in the arts, the sciences, the humanities and /or public service with tangible and relevant accomplishments.
4. The written request for authority to confer an honorary degree shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, Attention: The Office of Programs and Standards, through the CHED Regional Office duly signed by the head of the concerned HEI. This

