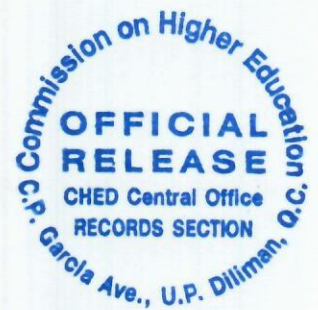




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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)

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**SUBJECT: PRIORITY COURSES FOR CHED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS (CSPs)
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020**

Pursuant to CHED en Banc (CEB) Resolution No. 264-2019 dated 30 April 2019 in relation to Section 8 (i) and (n) of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2019 under Special Provision(s) stating that "The CHED shall likewise prioritize courses aligned with global innovation platforms of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agri-fisheries and Mathematics (STEAM) as well as the priorities of the government in key growth areas, such as semiconductor and electronics, business process outsourcing, tourism, general infrastructure and other priority manufacturing industries in the grant of scholarships," this CMO containing the priority courses for CHED Scholarship Programs (CSPs) is hereby issued for Academic Year (AY) 2019-2020.

I. Rationale and Policy Statements

The priority courses are hereby identified to direct/steer higher education students who are recipients of financial assistance under the CSPs to enroll in public or private higher education institutions (HEIs) offering recognized/authorized undergraduate priority courses. For purposes of this CMO, priority courses as hereinafter identified refer to the recognized or authorized undergraduate degree programs offered by public or private HEIs.

The determination of the priority courses was a result of the studies and deliberations conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives from CHED and UniFAST Secretariat, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), and the Coordinating Council for Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), in line with the National Development Plan on manpower demands based on the JobsFit 2022 Labor Market Information (LMI) Report of DOLE.

Students who are enrolled in any of the priority courses listed in this CMO may avail of the benefits under the CSPs, depending on the type of scholarships they were able to qualify, which shall be in the form of tuition and stipend. The financial assistance under the CSPs shall be harmonized with the monetary benefits under the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education-Tertiary Education Subsidy (UniFAST-TES), as well as with the free tuition and other school fees privilege provided in Republic Act No. 10931, the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA).

The financial assistance under the CSPs is merit-based which can be availed of by the students enrolled in recognized priority programs of Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs), or in priority programs offered by State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) with Certificates of Program Compliance (COPCs) and CHED-accredited Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs).

II. List of Priority Courses aligned with global innovation platforms of Science, Technology, Engineering, Agri-fisheries and Mathematics (STEAM):

A. Science

- Physics/Applied Physics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Meteorology
- Doctor of Dental Medicine
- Criminology
- Forensic Sciences
- Industrial Security Administration
- Geology
- Human Biology
- Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Marine Biology
- Marine Science
- Environmental Science
- Disaster Risk Management/Climate Change
- Zoology

B. Technology

- Civil Technology
- Mechatronics Engineering Technology
- Electronics Technology
- Mechanical Technology
- Electrical Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Engineering Technology
- Cyber Security
- Information Technology
- Computer Science
- Information System
- Library and Information Science
- Entertainment and Multimedia Computing
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology

C. Engineering

- Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
- Architecture
- Ceramic Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronics Engineering/Electronics and Communications Engineering
- Food Engineering
- Geodetic Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing/ Production Engineering
- Marine Engineering
- Marine Transportation
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Metallurgical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Robotics Engineering
- Sanitary Engineering
- Structural Engineering



D. Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries

- Agriculture Technology
- Agriculture and its hybrid programs
- Agro-Forestry
- Animal Husbandry
- Animal Science
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Fisheries
- Food Technology/Science
- Forestry
- Horticulture

E. Mathematics

- Statistics/Applied Statistics
- Math/Applied Math

III. Other priority courses aligned in key growth areas, such as semiconductor and electronics, business process outsourcing, tourism, general infrastructure and other priority manufacturing industries

- Business Administration with Specialization/Major/Track in Business Analytics
- Business Administration with Specialization/Major/Track in Business Processing Outsource
- Hospitality Management/Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Tourism/Travel Management

For the effective implementation of this CMO, the CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) shall ensure that the Priority Courses herein listed are properly distributed according to the regional needs and availability of slots.

IV. Career Guidance

The CHED, in collaboration with the Department of Education (DepEd) and DOLE, shall intensify the promotion of identified priority courses through Career Guidance Advocacy Program (CGAP). For this purpose, all graduating beneficiaries of CHED StuFAPs are encouraged to register in the PhilJobNet (www.philjobnet.gov.ph), a government online job portal, in order to avail of the job search assistance and other employment facilitation services. The PhilJobNet also provides career information advice and other featured articles that the students may use as tools in making career choices.

V. Repealing Clause

All other existing Orders and Memoranda issued by the Commission, which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this CMO are hereby deemed repealed or modified.

VI. Separability Clause

If any part or provision of this CMO is declared invalid the remaining clauses/provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and enforceable.



VII. Effectivity

This CMO shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in force and effect until revoked or amended.

This CMO shall apply to pending applications submitted to the CHEDROs concerned prior to the effectivity thereof.

For strict compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 16th day of August 2019, Quezon City, Philippines

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Chairman

