Republic of the Philippines Department of Education

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DepEd ORDER No. 034 s. 2020

EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BY CONDITIONAL QUALIFIED VOUCHER APPLICANTS UNDER THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR SY 2020-2021

(Amendment to DepEd Order No. 16, s. 2020)

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 Others Concerned

- The Department of Education (DepEd) issued DepEd Order (DO) No. 16, s. 2020 titled Guidelines on Eligibility and Application for the Senior High School Voucher Program for School Year 2020-2021 to provide details on the eligibility, requirements, procedure, from qualification to redemption, and schedule, as well as other information relative to application for the Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP) in School Year 2020-2021.
- Due to foreseen difficulty in securing documents as a result of the implementation measures for the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department allowed the processing of applications with no/incomplete supporting documents, subject to submission of the said documents at a later date.
- A voucher applicant who qualified but whose application is incomplete due to pending submission of supporting documents was subsequently referred to as a Conditional Qualified Voucher Applicant (QVA).
- Per DO No. 16, s. 2020, Conditional QVAs have until October 30, 2020 to submit their supporting documents. Also stipulated in the said DO is that failure to submit the required supporting documents by the deadline, or submission of documents that fail to support information declared in the application is grounds for disqualification/exclusion of the Conditional QVA and revocation of the voucher. However, the Department continues to receive reports of Conditional QVAs experiencing challenges in securing and submitting their supporting documents.
- In view of this, DepEd amends the provisions in DO No. 16, s. 2020 on the deadline for submission of supporting documents by Conditional QVAs from October 30, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

- 6. Voucher Program-participating schools may continue to accept Conditional QVAs who submit their Conditional QVA Certificate. Voucher Program-participating schools, however, cannot bill for a Conditional QVA until the Conditional QVA has completed the required submission of supporting documents and has been enrolled for 30 days from the school's first day of classes.
- 7. For more information on this policy, please contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Planning, and Human Resource and Organizational Development, Ground Floor, Rizal Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at usec.phrod@deped.gov.ph.
- 8. All DepEd Orders and other related issuances, rules and regulations and provisions, which are inconsistent with this Order are repealed, rescinded or modified accordingly.
- 9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

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Secretary

References:

DepEd Order (No. 16, s. 2020)

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