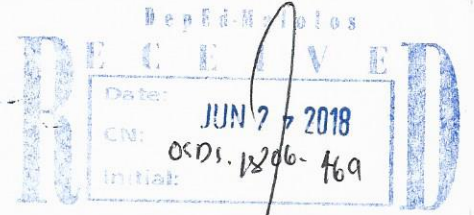


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CHED to HEIs: Accept ALS passers for AY 2018-2019

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) enjoins public and private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) all over the country to accept the application for admission of completers of the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System (ALS) who also passed the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test - High School (HS) level.

CHED recently issued Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 10 dated 11 June 2018, entitled *Policy on Alternative Learning System Completers and Passers of the A&E Test in Relation to the Implementation of the K to 12 Basic Education Program* in support of the Department of Education's Order No. 27 (DO 27) issued on 08 June 2018 in relation to the ALS.

The said policy documents emphasize that beginning AY 2018-2019 and for subsequent academic years, "passers of previous A&E Tests HS level, and the November 2017, March 2018 and upcoming 2019 A&E Tests HS level, who are all High School Graduates of the old basic education curriculum for ALS...", can now be accepted as first year students under the new higher education curricula, "subject to admission policies and requirements of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)".

To ensure college readiness of students under the new higher education curricula, which took effect this academic year, "the admitting HEIs may require bridging programs for the general education component."

In addition, HEIs are reminded that ALS A&E Tests HS level passers should present their Certification based on the Certificate of Rating with at least 60% passing score¹ issued by the Department of Education (DepEd). The Certification should be authenticated with signature of the schools division superintendent (SDS) and the seal of the schools division office. This will resolve earlier confusion with some HEIs that did not accept ALS passers with Certifications with eligibility for entry into Senior High School.

Although classes may have already started in June, the Commission encourages ALS passers to check out HEIs that have shifted their academic calendars to August or consider other options such as enrolling in skills development programs offered by TESDA that are offered year-round or take Grade 11 in any recognized Senior High School and choose a specific field of interest.

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