



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 18, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**REGIONAL ORIENTATION ON THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE
 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED GOVERNMENT
 ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN
 PRIVATE EDUCATION (E-GASTPE) PROGRAM
 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Assistant Regional Director
 President of the Schools Division Superintendent } Baybay City Division
 Chief, Quality Assurance Division
 Chief, Policy, Planning, and Research Division
 PEAC Regional Program Coordinator
 Regional Legal Focal Person
 Regional GAS Focal Person
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Unnumbered Memorandum from Office of the Undersecretary for Finance, dated May 14, 2026 titled **“Regional Orientation of the Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE) Program for School Year 2026-2027”** which calls for the participation to the said activity on **May 21-22, 2026**.

2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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For the Regional Director:

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Date: 19 MAY 2026

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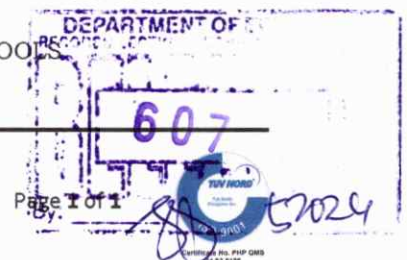
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Transmittal of Signed Memoranda on the Orientation Activities for the Implementation of the Revised E-GASTPE Guidelines

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Dear Regional Directors and Regional GAS Focal Persons

Good day.

Respectfully transmitting herewith, the two signed memoranda issued by Atty. Edson Byron K. Sy, Assistant Secretary and Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Finance, on the conduct of **Orientation Activities for the Implementation of the Revised Guidelines on the Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE) Program for School Year 2026–2027.**

Please note that the attached memoranda cover **two separate activities**:

1. **Regional Orientation** for Regional Offices, Regional Program Committee Members, Regional GAS Focal Persons, and other concerned regional participants; and
2. **Orientation for Schools Division Offices and E-GASTPE Participating Schools.**

For the Regional Orientation, the memorandum provides both the **pre-registration link** and the **actual meeting link** for the orientation. All concerned regional participants are requested to accomplish the pre-registration form **on or before May 19, 2026 (Tuesday).**

For the memorandum intended for Schools Division Offices and E-GASTPE Participating Schools, the Regional Directors, through the Regional GAS Focal Persons, are respectfully requested to **disseminate only this memorandum to the respective SDOs** under their regions – **do not include the Memorandum for the Regional Orientation in disseminating to the SDOs.** Kindly instruct the SDOs to **further disseminate the same to the E-GASTPE participating schools under their respective divisions.**

Please also advise the SDOs and participating schools that the **pre-registration link** is provided in the memorandum, and that they shall accomplish the pre-registration form **on or before May 19, 2026**, regardless of their assigned clustered orientation schedule. The **meeting link** for the SDOs and E-GASTPE participating schools shall be sent **once they have pre-registered.**

May we respectfully request everyone to thoroughly review the memoranda, as the two activities have different schedules and clustering arrangements. For the orientation intended for SDOs and participating schools, please ensure **strict compliance with the regional clustering schedules** indicated in the memorandum.

For further coordination or clarification, you may contact Mr. Riene R. Dimakiling, Project Development Officer II, GASS–Policy Review and Development Division, through email at gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph or through mobile and Viber number at 0968-205-7523.

For your guidance and appropriate dissemination.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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2 attachments


-  **Memo for Regional Orientation for the Implementation of the E-GASTPE.pdf**
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-  **Memo for SDO, E-GASTPE Participating Schools for the Implementation of the E-GASTPE.pdf**
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM
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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
REGIONAL GAS FOCAL PERSONS
REGIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE (RPCOM) MEMBERS
PEAC NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
ALL PEAC REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Finance

SUBJECT : REGIONAL ORIENTATION ON THE REVISED GUIDELINES
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
IN PRIVATE EDUCATION (E-GASTPE) PROGRAM FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

DATE : MAY 14, 2026

I. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Republic Act No. 6728, as amended by Republic Act No. 8545, otherwise known as the Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE) Act, provides the legal basis for the implementation of the Education Service Contracting (ESC), Teachers' Salary Subsidy (TSS), and Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP).

To strengthen implementation governance, improve targeting and validation mechanisms, promote accountability, and reinforce public-private complementarity in basic education delivery, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued **DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2026** titled "**Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE) in the Department of Education**".

As part of the nationwide phased rollout strategy of the revised policy, the Government Assistance and Subsidies Service (GASS), through the GASS-Policy Review and Development Division (PRDD) and GASS-Operations and Data Management Division (ODMD), shall conduct the third Phase of the orientation activities focusing on DepEd Regional Offices (ROs), Regional Program Committee (RPCom), and Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) National and Regional Secretariats.

The activity shall provide governance-level orientation on the revised policy and implementation framework to ensure consistent interpretation, effective regional coordination, proper escalation mechanisms, and implementation readiness prior to the school-level orientation and implementation rollout.

II. OBJECTIVES

The activity aims to:

- a. Orient DepEd ROs, RPCom members, and regional focal persons on their governance and implementation responsibilities under the Revised E-GASTPE Guidelines;
- b. Clarify the roles of RPComs in implementation support, validation, monitoring, issue handling, and escalation;
- c. Align regional-level interpretation of policy provisions and implementation procedures;
- d. Discuss regional monitoring, reporting, billing support, validation, compliance, and coordination responsibilities; and
- e. Surface operational risks, implementation constraints, and support needs prior to full nationwide implementation.

III. SCHEDULE AND MODALITY

The orientation activity shall be conducted on **May 21-22, 2026**, through a **hybrid modality (in-person and online)** with the following arrangements:

Schedule	Modality	Offices
Day 1 May 21, 2026 (Thursday)	Face-to-Face	GASS-PRDD and GASS-ODMD
	Online via MS Teams	Regional Directors, RPCom Members, Regional GAS Focal Persons, PEAC RS, and other regional participants
Day 2 May 22, 2026 (Friday)	Full Online Modality	GASS-PRDD, GASS-ODMD, Regional Directors, RPCom Members, Regional GAS Focal Persons, PEAC RS, and other regional participants

All concerned participants are requested to accomplish the **pre-registration form** on or before **May 19, 2026**, to facilitate proper coordination, attendance monitoring, and efficient preparation of orientation materials and access credentials. The E-GASTPE Orientation Pre-Registration Form may be accessed through the link provided below.

All registered participants are likewise advised to join the orientation through the official MS Teams meeting link and to ensure a stable internet connection throughout the duration of the activity.

Particulars	Link
Pre-registration link	https://tinyurl.com/E-GASTPE-PreReg-RegOrient
Meeting Link	https://tinyurl.com/E-GASTPE-Regional-Orient

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The following are requested to participate in the orientation:

Participant	Role
DepEd Regional Directors	RPCom Chair
PEAC Regional Program Director	RPCom Co-Chair
Presidents of the Schools Division Superintendents Association in the Region	RPCom Members
Regional Chief of the Quality Assurance Division	
Regional Chief of the Policy, Planning, and Research Division	
PEAC Regional Program Coordinators	
Regional Legal Focal Persons	
Regional GAS Focal Persons	Others Concerned

The Regional Directors, as the Chair of the RPCom and the Regional GAS Focal Persons, shall ensure that all identified participants are properly informed of the activity and directed to accomplish the required pre-registration form within the prescribed timeline. Timely registration is essential to facilitate attendance monitoring, consolidation of regional participation necessary for the effective conduct of the activity.

V. SCOPE OF DISCUSSION

The orientation shall cover the following major policy and implementation areas:

- a. Policy rationale, legal basis, governance direction, and key reforms under the Revised E-GASTPE Guidelines;
- b. Eligibility, targeting, prioritization, and consistency mechanisms;
- c. TSS eligibility, documentary requirements, prohibited acts, and school accountability;
- d. Billing, validation, systems coordination, and regional endorsement mechanisms;
- e. RPCom composition, roles, functions, coordination, and escalation protocols;
- f. Compliance, monitoring, audit, investigative, and reporting responsibilities;
- g. RO-SDO-PEAC RS-GASS coordination flow and reporting mechanisms; and
- h. Regional implementation scenarios, issue escalation, and implementation readiness discussions.

VI. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The orientation is expected to produce the following outputs:

- a. Strengthened regional governance and implementation coordination mechanisms;
- b. Improved regional alignment and interpretation of policy provisions;

- c. Consolidated regional implementation concerns and policy clarification requests;
- d. Established regional monitoring, reporting, and escalation mechanisms; and
- e. Improved implementation readiness prior to the school-level rollout.
- f. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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