



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

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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ORIENTATION FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES AND PRIVATE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ON THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION (E-GASTPE) PROGRAM

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

- Attached is the Unnumbered Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Finance, dated May 14, 2026, titled "**Orientation for Schools Division Offices and Private Participating Schools on the Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of the Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE) Program**" which calls the concerned participants to participate in the said activity on **June 10-11, 2026**,
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: None

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

ORIENTATION
PRIVATE EDUCATION
SCHOOLS

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MEMORANDUM
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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
REGIONAL GAS FOCAL PERSONS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
DESIGNATED SDO GAS FOCAL PERSONS
SCHOOL HEADS OF PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS
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PEAC REGIONAL SECRETARIATS
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES SERVICE
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  **ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY**
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SUBJECT : ORIENTATION FOR SCHOOLS DIVISIONS OFFICES AND PARTICIPATING PRIVATE SCHOOLS ON THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION (E-GASTPE) PROGRAM

DATE : May 14, 2026

I. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

To support the effective and consistent implementation of 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," the Government Assistance and Subsidies Service (GASS) shall conduct Phase 4 of the phased orientation program intended for Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and participating E-GASTPE schools nationwide.

The orientation aims to provide detailed implementation, operational, documentary, and compliance guidance to SDOs and participating schools, particularly on eligibility, targeting, application processing, systems encoding, billing, validation, monitoring, records management, compliance, violations, sanctions, and accountability requirements. The activity also seeks to establish continuing clarification and implementation support mechanisms following the issuance of the revised guidelines.

II. OBJECTIVES

The activity specifically aims to:

- a. Provide detailed orientation on the approved policy provisions to participating schools and SDOs nationwide;
- b. Clarify school-level and SDO-level responsibilities on application screening, beneficiary selection, documentation, school committee processes, data privacy notice, systems encoding, billing, validation, monitoring, and compliance;
- c. Address common implementation questions, documentary risks, billing concerns, and compliance issues;
- d. Promote consistent interpretation of the revised guidelines across participating schools nationwide; and
- e. Establish continuing support and clarification mechanisms after the orientation.

III. SCHEDULE, CLUSTERING, AND MODALITY

The orientation shall be conducted through clustered regional batches aligned with the PEAC-led GASTPE Regional Orientation schedule for School Year 2026–2027.

Clustered Orientation Batch	Schedule	Regional Coverage
Batch 1	May 28-29, 2026	Region II; Region X; National Capital Region (NCR); Region I; Negros Island Region (NIR)
Batch 2	June 10-11, 2026	Region XII; Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR); Region III; Region VIII
Batch 3	July 9-10, 2026	Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM); Region XIII (Caraga); MIMAROPA; Region V; Region VII; Region IX; Region VI; Region IV-A; Region XI

IV. MODALITY ARRANGEMENTS

The orientation shall generally adopt the following modality arrangements:

Schedule	Modality	Offices
Day 1	Face-to-Face	DepEd GASS-PRDD
	Online	DepEd GASS-ODMD, SDO Focal Persons, and Participating Schools
Day 2	Full Online Modality	GASS-PRDD, GASS-ODMD, SDO Focal Persons, and Participating Schools

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 via 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-sdo-private

V. PARTICIPANTS

The following are requested to participate in the applicable schedules:

- a. Schools Division Superintendents;
- b. Designated SDO GAS Focal Persons;
- c. School Heads of participating private schools;
- d. One (1) authorized school E-GASTPE coordinator/representative directly involved in ESC, TSS, and SHS VP implementation;

VI. REGIONAL AND DIVISION DISSEMINATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Regional Directors and Regional GAS Focal Persons are requested to ensure the immediate dissemination of this Memorandum, including the schedules, participant requirements, and orientation instructions, to all concerned Schools Division Offices within their respective regions.

Schools Division Superintendents and designated SDO GAS Focal Persons are likewise requested to ensure the immediate dissemination of this Memorandum and related orientation instructions to all participating private schools under their respective divisions.

Participating schools are encouraged to ensure the attendance of the appropriate school personnel directly involved in E-GASTPE implementation, billing, systems encoding, documentation, monitoring, and compliance management.

VII. Scope of Discussion

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

- a. Policy overview and major reforms under the Revised E-GASTPE Guidelines;
- b. Eligibility, targeting, application, and school committee responsibilities;
- c. Systems operations, encoding, billing, validation, payment, and refund procedures;
- d. TSS eligibility, subsidy release, prohibited acts, and school accountability;
- e. Compliance requirements, violations, sanctions, suspension, termination, and reinstatement;
- f. Roles and responsibilities of SDOs and participating schools;
- g. Documentation and records management requirements; and
- h. Practical implementation scenarios, FAQs, issue handling, and continuing clarification mechanisms.

VIII. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The orientation is expected to produce the following:

- a. Improved understanding of policy provisions and implementation requirements among SDOs and participating schools;
- b. Improved compliance with eligibility, billing, validation, documentation, and monitoring requirements;
- c. Consolidated implementation concerns and policy clarification requests;
- d. Strengthened school-level implementation readiness; and
- e. Continuing policy clarification and implementation support mechanisms.

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**.

Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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