



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

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1218** s. 2026

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE AUTOMATIC GRANT OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF PRIVATE
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Division Chiefs
Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through DepEd Order (DO) No. 12, s. 2026, provides for the Automatic Grant of Government Recognition to qualified private Senior High Schools (SHSs) during the transition period for School Year (SY) 2026-2027. In compliance with this DepEd Order, this Office, through the Quality Assurance Division, informs the field on the Submission of Applications and Documentary Requirements for the Automatic Grant of Government Recognition of Private Senior High Schools effective School Year 2026-2027.
2. The following private SHSs may qualify for the Automatic Grant of Government Recognition for SY 2026-2027:
 - a. FAAP-accredited Senior High Schools;
 - b. Senior High Schools attached to FAAP-accredited Junior High Schools (JHSs);
 - c. Senior High Schools attached to Junior High Schools that have undergone PEAC Certification with a rating of Substantial Compliance and Above;
 - d. Senior High Schools that have undergone PEAC Certification through the SHS Voluntary Certification (SHS VC) with a rating of Substantial Compliance and Above; and
 - e. Strengthened Senior High School Program Pilot Schools.
3. The automatic grant shall be subject to the condition that the private SHS has:
 - a. No unresolved material adverse findings in either the SHS Voucher Program (SHS VP) or the Education Service Contracting (ESC) Program from SY 2022-2023 to SY 2025-2026; and
 - b. No pending or unresolved criminal case filed before any court involving the institution, its owners, officers, or administrators.
4. All qualifying private SHSs shall submit proof of eligibility containing valid coverage for SY 2026-2027:
 - a. Copy of the valid FAAP Accreditation Certificate (for SHSs or attached JHSs);
 - b. Copy of the valid PEAC Certification Report (for SHSs with PEAC-certified JHSs);

- c. Copy of the PEAC Certification Report issued under the SHS Voluntary Certification (SHS VC); or
 - d. For Strengthened SHS Program Pilot Schools:
 - i. The official list of Strengthened SHS Pilot Schools shall serve as the basis for the automatic grant of Government Recognition; and
 - ii. The Schools Division Office (SDO) shall assign the application code in accordance with the standard format prescribed by DO 12, s. 2026, after which the Regional Office (RO) shall issue the Certificate of Government Recognition.
5. A private SHS that qualifies for Automatic Government Recognition but whose FAAP accreditation or PEAC certification is pending renewal shall remain eligible, subject to submitting:
- a. A copy of the most recent FAAP Accreditation Certificate or PEAC Certification indicating its period of validity; and
 - b. Proof of application or reapplication for renewal (e.g., an official acknowledgment receipt issued by the accrediting/certifying body or written confirmation that the renewal process is ongoing).
6. Attached for reference are the following:
- a. List of Private Schools Recommended by PEAC for Automatic Recognition
 - b. List of Private SHS Implementers for the Strengthened Senior High School Program for SY 2025-2026
7. The deadline for submission to the Regional Office – Records Section is December 31, 2026. All concerned SDOs shall ensure the timely submission and processing of complete applications and supporting documents to facilitate the issuance of the Certificate of Government Recognition.
8. Schools Division Offices, through their Private School Coordinators, are requested to extend technical assistance to concerned private schools within their respective divisions.
9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Attachment: List of Private Schools recommended by PEAC for Automatic Recognition and the List of Private SHSs Implementers for Strengthened Senior High School Program for 2025-2026.

Reference: DepEd Order No. 12, s. 2026

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

APPLICATION

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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Attachment No. 1

**a) List of Private Schools – Senior High School Implementers
Recommended by PEAC for Automatic Government Recognition**

No.	SCHOOL ID	Name of the School	Address
		BAYBAY CITY	None
		BILIRAN	
1	404644	Cathedral School of La Naval, Inc.	Castin St. Naval, Biliran
2	451002	Mother Crucifix Caputo Academy, Inc. (Formerly: Mother Crucifix Caputo Learning Center, Inc.)	Villa Cornejo, Kawayan , Biliran
		BORONGAN CITY	
3	404735	MSH Sisters Academy, Inc.	Brgy. Sabang South, Borongan City, Eastern Samar
4	404736	Seminario de Jesus Nazareno, Inc.	Brgy. Campesao, Borongan City 6800 Eastern Samar
5	404737	St. Mary's College of Borongan, Inc.	E. Cinco St., Brgy. A, Borongan City, Eastern Samar
		CALBAYOG CITY	
6	404780	Christ the King College of Calbayog City, Inc. (Formerly: Christ the King College Elementary Laboratory School)	499 Magsaysay Blvd Calbayog City, Samar
7	404781	La Milagrosa Academy, Inc.	J.D. Avelino St., Calbayog City, Samar
		CATBALOGAN CITY	
8	404772	Samar Colleges, Inc.	Mabini Avenue, Catbalogan City
		EASTERN SAMAR	
9	404743	Divine Child Academy of Lawaan, Eastern Samar, Inc.	Mahogany St. Brgy. Pob. 04 Lawaan Eastern Samar
10	404738	Mater Divinae Gratiae College, Inc.	Picardo Airport, Dolores Eastern Samar
11	404740	Immaculate Conception School of Guiuan, Inc.	Brgy. 9-A, Guimbaolibot Avenue, Guiuan, Eastern Samar
12	404744	St. Anthony's Academy, Inc.	Brgy. 8, Llorente, Eastern Samar
13	404732	St. Magdalena of Canossa Catholic High School, Inc. (Formerly: Magdalena of Canossa Catholic High School Inc.)	Brgy. Concepcion, Arteche, Eastern Samar
		LEYTE	
14	404647	Abuyog Academy, Incorporated	Real St. Brgy. Bito, Abuyog, Leyte
15	404652	Albuera Private High School, Inc.	Lawis St., Poblacion Albuera, Leyte
16	404655	Bato Academy, Inc.	Emilio Jacinto Street, Bato, Leyte

17	404657	Bato Institute of Science & Technology, Inc. (Formerly: Bato Maritime Institute Inc.)	Brgy. Dolho, Bato, Leyte
18	404698	Colegio de San Francisco Javier	Palompon, Leyte
19	404686	East Visayan Adventist Academy of Leyte, Inc.	Javier, Leyte
20	404669	Grelina Osmeña Christian College, Inc.	R.V. Fulache Street Eastern Brgy. Hilongos, Leyte
21	404705	Holy Child High School, Inc.	A. Gervacio St. Pob. Del Sur, Villaba, Leyte
22	404681	Holy Child Parish School of Isabel, Inc.	Isabel, Leyte
23	404667	Holy Cross College of Carigara, Incorporated	Rebolledo Street, Barangay Ponong, Carigara, Leyte
24	404651	Holy Trinity College - A. R. Alang-alang, Leyte, Inc.	Brgy. Mudboron, Alangalang, Leyte
25	404701	John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation School, Inc.	Crossing, San Isidro, Leyte
26	404683	Leyte Industrial Development Estate (LIDE) Learning Center, Inc.	Isabel, Leyte
27	451504	MLG College of Learning Inc.	Brgy. Atabay, Hilongos, Leyte
28	404687	National Heroes Institute, Inc.	Real St., Poblacion, Kananga, Leyte
29	404700	Northern Leyte College, Inc. (Formerly: Northern Leyte Acedemy, Inc)	Zamora Street, Brgy. Central Iii, Palompon, Leyte
30	404649	Notre Dame of Abuyog, Inc.	Brgy. Buntay, Abuyog, Leyte
31	404685	Notre Dame of Jaro, Inc.	Msgr. Lino Gonzaga St. Jaro, Leyte
32	404695	Sacred Heart Seminary Inc.	Brgy. Salvacion, Palo, Leyte
33	404691	Saint Joseph Academy of Leyte, Inc.	Matalom, Leyte
34	404675	Saint Michael College of Hindang, Leyte, Inc.	A. Bonifacio St. Pob. 2 Hindang Leyte
35	404671	Saint Teresa School of Hilongos, Inc.	R.V. Villaflores St. Western Baranggay Hilongos Leyte
36	404653	Saint Vincent Ferrer Academy (SVFA), Inc.	Santo Nino St. Brgy. Distric 1 Babatngon, Leyte
37	404668	St. Joseph High School of Dagami, Inc.	San Jose, Dist. I, Dagami, Leyte
38	404696	St. Mary's Academy of Palo, Inc.	Bonifacio St. Brgy. Sta Cruz Palo, Leyte
39	451502	St. Michael Development Center of Tolosa, Inc.	San Miguel St. Brgy. Poblacion Tolosa, Leyte
40	455012	St. Scholastica's College Tacloban, Inc. (Formerly: St. Scholastica's College of Health Sciences, Inc.)	Maharlika Highway Brgy. Campetic Palo Leyte
41	404706	Villaba Vocational High School, Inc.	Fatima, Villaba Leyte
		MAASIN CITY	
42	404716	Maasin Christian Academy, Inc.	Mambajao, Maasin City, Southern Leyte
		NORTHERN SAMAR	
43	404763	Barobaybay Academy-Mission School, Inc. (Formerly: Barobaybay Academy, Inc.)	Brgy. Barobaybay, Lavezares, Northern Samar

44	453001	Colegio de San Juan Samar Inc.	Feeder Road St., Brgy. Libertad, Lavezares, Northern Samar
45	404761	Colegio de Sta. Teresita de Laoang, Inc	Kahundit St. Brgy. San Miguel Heights, Laoang, Northern Samar
46	404760	Fair Gems Academy, Inc.	Brgy. 1 Poblacion Catubig, Northern Samar
47	404764	Holy Family Center of Studies Foundation (HFCSF), Inc.	Rizal. St, Brgy. Caragas, Lavezares, N. Samar
48	403615	Lt. Jacob O. Meimban Memorial Foundation Eastern Visayas College, Inc.	Catarman, Northern Samar
49	404756	Northern Samar Colleges, Incorporated	Corner Annunciation & Roxas St., Catarman, Northern Samar
50	404766	Pearl Island Academy Foundation Inc.	Samaco Street, Brgy. Ward, San Antonio, Northern Samar
51	404765	St. Anthony Academy of Mondragon, Northern Samar, Inc.	Real Street, Brgy Chitongco, Mondragon, Northern Samar
52	404768	St. Joseph Academy of San Jose, Northern Samar, Inc.	Brgy. East, San Jose, Northern Samar
53	453011	Tan Ting Bing Memorial Colleges Foundation, Inc.	Poblacion Norte, San Isidro, Northern Samar
		ORMOC CITY	
54	404795	Western Leyte College of Ormoc City, Inc.	Bonifacio Street, Ormoc City, Leyte
		SAMAR	
55	409263	Divine Mercy Integrated Academy of Villareal Foundation Inc.	Brgy. Soledad (Pob.), Villareal, Samar
56	404777	St. Michael High School Inc.	Brgy. Dumalo-Ong, Gandara, Samar
57	453503	MSH Sisters Academy of Basey Inc.	Brgy. Canmanila, Basey, Samar
		SOUTHERN LEYTE	
58	404724	Celestino A. Ablas, Sr. Academy Foundation, Incorporated	San Isidro St., San Francisco, So. Leyte
59	404730	Dr. Rath Memorial Institute Foundation Inc.	Cambite, Tomas Oppus Southern Leyte
60	404710	Hinundayan Catholic Institute, Inc.	Baculod, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte
61	404711	Holy Rosary Academy of Hinunangan, Inc.	Hinunangan, Southern Leyte
62	404712	Libagon Academy Foundation Inc.	Talisay, Libagon, So. Leyte
63	404720	MACI-Jose K. Demeterio Learning Foundation, Inc.	Macrohon, Southern Leyte
64	404707	Saint Anthony's High School School of Anahawan Southern Leyte, Inc.	Poblacion, Anahawan, Southern Leyte
65	404714	St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Inc.	Poblacion, Liloan Southern Leyte
66	404722	St. James College of Padre Burgos Southern Leyte Inc.	Padre Burgos, Southern Leyte
67	404729	St. Thomas Aquinas College of Sogod S. Leyte, Inc.	Zone IV Sogod, Southern Leyte

68	404723	The Cristo Rey Regional High School, Inc.	Barangay Malibago, Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte
69	404721	The Santo Niño Academy, Malitbog, Southern Leyte, Incorporated	Taliwa, Malitbog, Southern Leyte
		TACLOBAN CITY	
70	404801	Holy Infant College of Tacloban City, Inc.	Benigno Aquino Avenue, Brgy. 50-B Youngfield, Tacloban City
71	404802	Holy Virgin of Salvacion School, Inc.	Brgy83-A Burayan San Jose Tacloban City
72	404805	Leyte Progressive High School, Inc.	Sabang District, Tacloban City
73	455004	Liceo del Verbo Divino, Inc.	Avenida Veteranos St. Tacloban City
74	404809	Sacred Heart School of Tacloban City, Incorporated	Brgy. 6, T. Claudio St., Tacloban City
75	404814	St. Therese Christian Development Foundation Center (STCDCFI), Inc. (Formerly St. Therese Child Development Center)	Brgy. 91, Abucay, Tacloban City, 35 Real St., Brgy.27, Tacloban City
76	404815	St. Therese Educational Foundation of Tacloban, Inc. (STEFTI)	Brgy. 91, Abucay, Tacloban City

b. List of Private Schools that are Pilot Implementers for the Strengthened Senior High School Program for School Year 2025-2026

No.	SCHOOL ID	Name of the School	Address
1	403616	ACLIC College of Ormoc, Inc.	Lilia Avenue, Brgy. Cogon, Ormoc City
2	404797	Asian Development Foundation College, Inc.	Sagkahan, Tacloban City
3	404743	Divine Child Academy of Lawaan, Eastern Samar, Inc.	Mahogany St. Brgy. Pob. 04 Lawaan Eastern Samar
4	453011	Tan Ting Bing Memorial Colleges Foundation, Inc.	Poblacion Norte, San Isidro, Northern Samar
5	404689	Primona Holy Infant Academy, Inc. (Formerly: Primona Holy Infant Vocational High School, Inc.)	106 Malinao St., Kananga, Leyte
6	404772	Samar Colleges, Inc.	Mabini Avenue, Catbalogan City

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