

INDEPENDENCE DAY A&E TEST

June Special Accreditation & Equivalency Test

Background:

In line with the celebration of the 110th Year Celebration of the Philippine Independence Day, the DepEd, through Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) will be administering a **Special A&E Test** for the Out-of-School Youth and Adults in 189 testing centers nationwide on June 12, 2008. This is a timely response to PGMA's directive relative to the 2008 Independence Day Celebration under Admin. Order No. 205 dated Oct. 30, 2007. This is one of the DepEd's initiative of providing direct service to the marginalized groups of learners in all barangays nationwide.

What is the ALS Accreditation and Equivalency Test?

The ALS A&E Test formerly the Nonformal Education A&E Test is a paper and pencil-based test that use multiple-choice test and composition writing. The test is designed to measure the competencies of those who have not finished either the formal elementary or secondary education. Passers of this test are given a certificate/diploma (which bears the seal and the signature of the Department Secretary) certifying their competencies as comparable to graduates of the formal school system. Hence, they are qualified to enroll in high school (for elementary level passers) and to enroll in college (for secondary level passers).

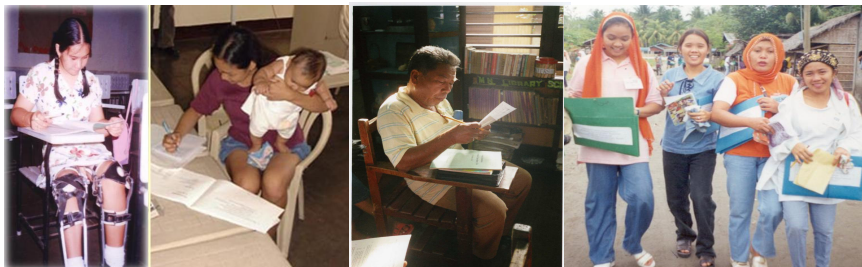
Who are the target clientele of the ALS A&E Test?

The target learners / clientele of the ALS A&E Test are Filipino Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and Adults who are:

- 11 years old (for elementary level test) on or before the date of the test
- 15 years old (for secondary level test) on or before the date of the test

who are basically literate. They may include:

- unemployed/underemployed OSYs and adults
- elementary and secondary school drop-outs/leavers
- industry-based workers, housewives, maids, factory workers, drivers
- members of cultural minorities / indigenous peoples (IPs)
- persons with disabilities (PWDs) / physically challenged
- inmates, rebel / soldier integrees



Most of these target learners live below the poverty line, predominantly coming from depressed, disadvantaged, underserved communities.

What does one benefit after passing the ALS A&E Test?

A test passer is given a chance to mainstream in the educational system of the country like:

- enroll in post secondary courses (technical / vocational, two / four / five-year course) of the CHED (for private colleges and universities) and PASUC (for government owned / controlled) member institutions
- access to MFI and TESDA skills training programs

and a chance to acquire eligibility for government employment positions. (Please see 'DepEd Linkages' references on DepEd tie-up with PASUC, CHED, TESDA, MFI and CSC).

What is the ALS A&E Test made of?

The test is divided into 2 parts: the Multiple Choice Tests and the Composition Writing. The test runs for 3 hours and 30 minutes for the Elementary Level and 4 hours and 15 minutes for the Secondary Level.

The test covers the following strands (subject areas):

ELEMENTARY : 3 hours and 30 minutes

Multiple Choice -

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| <i>Bahagi I (Communication)</i> | 3 hours
- 40 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi II (Problem Solving & Critical Thinking)</i> | - 60 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi III (Sustainable Use of Resources & Productivity)</i> | - 40 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi IV (Dev't. of Self & Expanding One's World Vision)</i> | - 40 minutes |

Composition Writing -

30 minutes

SECONDARY : 4 hours and 15 minutes

Multiple Choice -

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| <i>Bahagi I (Komunikasyon sa Filipino)</i> | 3 hours 45 minutes
- 45 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi II (English Communication)</i> | - 30 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi III (Problem Solving & Critical Thinking)</i> | - 60 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi IV (Sustainable Use of Resources & Productivity)</i> | - 45 minutes |
| <i>Bahagi V (Dev't. of Self & Expanding One's World Vision)</i> | - 45 minutes |

Composition Writing -

30 minutes

How does one register for the A&E Test?

Registration will be held from May 19 – 31, 2008 at designated Registration & Testing Centers in 189 divisions nationwide (see list posted at this site). The prospective test taker / registrant shall accomplish the registration form and shall:

- provide any of the following documents as proof of their identity:

- copy of birth certificate
- copy of marriage contract
- GSID / SSS I.D. card
- TIN card
- valid driver's license
- valid passport

- provide all required data and affix their signature on the space provided it;
- provide two copies of their latest 1" x 1" photo;
- submit accomplished registration form to test registration officer; and
- get the lower portion of the registration form for presentation to the Examiner on the day of the test.

Where does one take the A&E Test? When is the test?

Qualified test takers will come back to the Registration & Testing Center for the administration of the A&E Test on **JUNE 12, 2008**. Said test taker should be at the testing center at 7:00 a.m. in the morning (for the morning session) or at 12:30 noon (for afternoon session).

How can one claim his/her proof of passing?

A passer can claim the following documents at their specified offices:

Certification	- a whole single page document signed by the Director IV (BALS) which certifies the passer's competencies comparable to that of a graduate in the formal school system	- Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) DepEd Central Office, Meralco Ave., Pasig City
Examinee Report / Individual Test Result	- a half page document which reflects the passer's distribution of scores that attributed to his/her passing	- DepEd Division Office where the testing center is under its jurisdiction.
Certificate / Diploma	- a whole page special document which bears the seal of the Department of Education and the signature of the Department Secretary certifying the passer's competency as an eligibility for higher education	- DepEd Division Office where the testing center is under its jurisdiction

IMPORTANT NOTE:

No fee shall be collected and as such, no payment shall be demanded by any ALS official involved in or during:

- test registration
- utilization of A&E modules
- test administration
- release of individual test result/examinee report
- release of Certificate signed by the DepEd Secretary

For further information, you may:

- Call** (02)635-5188, 635-5193 and 632-1361 loc.2083
- Text** at our DETxt Action Center at 0919-4560027
- Email** to depedbals@yahoo.com; cedbals@gmail.com
- Write** The Director IV – Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS), 3rd Floor Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City 1600

Registration & Testing Centers for the Independence Day A&E Tests (June 12, 2008)

REGION	DIVISION	REGISTRATION / TESTING CENTER
I	Ilocos Norte	Mariano Marcos Memorial Elementary School
	Ilocos Sur	Sto. Domingo South Central School
	La Union	Paringao Elementary School
	Pangasinan I	Binmaley I Central School
	Pangasinan II	Bobonan Central School
	Dagupan City	West Central Elementary School I
	Laoag City	Ilocos Norte National High School
	San Carlos City	Central II Elementary School
	Urdaneta City	Urdaneta City National High School
	Alaminos City	Alaminos Central School
	Candon City	Candon South Central School
	Vigan City	Ilocos Sur National High School
	San Fernando City	La Union National High School
	II	Batanes
Cagayan		Lal-lo North Central School
Isabela		Ilagan South Central School
Santiago City		Santiago North Central School
Nueva Vizcaya		Solano East Central School
Quirino		Cabarroguis Central School
Cauayan City		Cauayan South Central School
Tuguegarao City		Tuguegarao West Central School
III		Aurora
	Bataan	Tomas Pinpin Memorial Elementary School
	Bulacan	Baliuag South Central School
	Nueva Ecija	Nueva Ecija National High School
	Pampanga	San Matias Elementary School
	Tarlac	Capas East Central School
	Zambales	Iba Elementary School
	Angeles City	Sto. Rosario Elementary School

	Balanga City	Balanga Integrated School
	Cabanatuan City	Cabanatuan East Central School
	Gapan City	Gapan South Central School
	Malolos City	Sta. Isabel Elementary School
	Muñoz City	Muñoz Central School (Pob. South)
	Olongapo City	Olongapo City Elementary School
	San Fernando City	Sindalan Elementary School
	Tarlac City	Sto. Cristo Elementary School
	San Jose Del Monte City	Sapang Palay National High School
IV-A	Batangas Prov.	Lemery Pilot Elementary School
	Cavite Province	Dasmariñas National High School
	Laguna	Bay Central Elementary School
	Quezon	Sariaya East Central School
	Rizal	Cainta Elementary School
	Antipolo City	Juan Sumulong Elementary School
	Batangas City	Julian A. Pastor Memorial Elementary School
	Calamba City	Calamba Elementary School
	Cavite City	Cavite National High School
	Lipa City	Padre Valeriano Malabanan Elementary School
	Lucena City	Lucena West I Elementary School
	San Pablo City	San Pablo Central School
	Santa Rosa City	Santa Rosa Elementary School
	Tanauan City	Tanauan South Central School
IV-B	Marinduque	Mog-pog Central Elementary School
	Occidental Mindoro	Sablayan National High School
	Oriental Mindoro	Socorro Central School
	Palawan	Claudio Sandoval Elementary School
	Romblon	San Agustin Central Elementary School
	Calapan City	Adriatico Memorial School
	Puerto Princesa City	Puerto Princesa Pilot Elementary School
V	Albay	Malabog High School
	Camarines Norte	Labo Elementary School
	Camarines Sur	Rodriguez High School
	Catanduanes	Virac Pilot Elementary School
	Masbate	Tomas Conde Central School
	Sorsogon	Gubat North Central School
	Iriga City	Iriga Central School
	Legazpi city	Bagumbayan Central School
	Ligao City	Ligao West Central Elementary School (Binatagan)
	Masbate City	Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School
	Naga City	Naga Central School II
	Sorsogon City	Sorsogon National High School
	Tabaco City	Tabaco City National High School
VI	Aklan	Kalibo Elementary School I
	Antique	Del Angel Salazar Elementary School
	Capiz	Capiz National High School
	Guimaras	San Miguel Central School
	Iloilo	Iloilo National High School
	Negros Occidental	Negros Occidental National High School
	Bacolod City	Rizal Elementary School
	Bago City	Bago City Elementary School
	Cadiz City	Cadiz West II Elementary School
	Iloilo City	A. Mabini Elementary School
	Kabankalan City	Erams West Central Elementary School
	La Carlota City	La Carlota South Central School I
	Passi City	Passi National High School
	Sagay City	Maria Lopez Elementary School

	San Carlos City	Cong. Vicente Gustilo Sr. Memorial School
	Silay City	Silay North Elementary School
	Roxas City	Pres. Manuel Roxas Memorial School (South)
VII	Bohol	Carmen Central Elementary School
	Cebu Province	Naga Central Elementary School
	Negros Oriental	Sibulan Central School
	Siquijor	Larena Central Elementary School
	Bais City	Bais City Pilot School
	Bayawan City	Bayawan East City Central School
	Cebu City	Zapatera Elementary School
	Danao City	Danao City Central School
	Dumaguete City	West City Elementary School
	Lapu-Lapu City	Science and Technical Center
	Mandaue City	City Central School
	Tagbilaran City	Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School
	Talisay City	Talisay City Central School
	Tanjay City	Tanjay City South Central School
	Toledo City	North City Central School
VIII	Biliran	Naval Central School
	Eastern Samar	Eugenio S. Daza Pilot Elementary School
	Leyte	Baybay North Central School
	Calbayog City	Division Office Central
	Northern Samar	Bobon School for Philippine Craftsmen
	Southern Leyte	Sogod Central School
	Western Samar	Samar National High School
	Ormoc City	Cogon Central School
	Maasin City	Maasin Central School
	Tacloban City	Rizal Central School
IX	Zamboanga del Norte	Sindangan Pilot Demonstration School
	Zamboanga Sibuguey	Kabalasan Elementary School
	Zamboanga Sur	Dumaliniao Pilot School
	Dapitan City	Dapitan Central School
	Dipolog City	Zamboanga del Norte National High School
	Isabela City	Isabela East Central Elementary School
	Pagadian City	San Pedro Central School
	Zamboanga City	Zamboanga City High School (Main)
X	Bukidnon	Malaybalay City Central School
	Camiguin	Mahinog Central School
	Lanao del Norte	Kolambugan Central School
	Misamis Occidental	St. John the Baptist High School
	Misamis Oriental	Misamis Oriental General Comp. High School
	Cagayan De Oro City	Cagayan De Oro City Central School
	Gingoog City	Don Restituto Baul Central School
	Iligan City	Iligan City Central School
	Tangub	Tangub City National High School
	Oroquieta City	Misamis Occidental National High School
	Valencia City	Valencia City National High School
	Ozamiz City	Ozamiz City Central School
XI	Compostela Valley	Nabunturan National Comprehensive High School
	Davao del Norte	Carmen National High School
	Davao Oriental	Mati National Comprehensive High School
	Davao Sur	Malalag Central Elementary School
	Davao City	Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School
	Digos City	Davao Del Sur National High School
	Panabo City	Panabo Central Elementary School
	Samal City	Peñaplota Central Elementary School
	Tagum City	Mag-ugpo Pilot Central Elementary School
XII	North Cotabato	Kabacan Pilot Elementary School

	Saranggani	Malapatan National High School
	South Cotabato	Surallah Central Elementary School
	Sultan Kudarat	Isulan Central School
	Cotabato City	Notre Dame Village Elementary School
	General Santos City	Ireneo Santiago National High School
	Kidapawan City	Kidapawan City Pilot Center
	Koronadal City	Koronadal Central Elementary School I
	Tacurong City	Tacurong Pilot Elementary School
Caraga	Agusan del Norte	Buenavista Special Educ. Integrated School
	Agusan del Sur	Agusan del Sur National High School
	Siargao	Dapa National High School
	Surigao del Norte	Sison Central Elementary School
	Surigao del Sur	Tandang SPED Center
	Butuan City	Agusan National High School
	Bislig City	Bislig Central Elementary School
	Surigao City	Surigao City Pilot School
ARMM	Basilan	Concepcion Central Elementary School
	Lanao del Sur I	Tamparan Central Elementary School
	Lanao del Sur II	Malabang Central Pilot School
	Maguindanao	Shariff Aguak Central Elementary School
	Sulu	Mohammad Tulawie Central Elem. School
	Tawi-Tawi	Bongao School of Arts and Trades
	Marawi City	A.P.C.E.S.
CAR	Abra	Bangued West Central School
	Apayao	Conner Central School
	Benguet	Benguet National High School
	Kalinga	Bulanao Central School
	Ifugao	Lagaue Central School
	Mt. Province	Mt. Province General Comp. High School
	Baguio City	Josefa Cariño Elementary School
NCR	Caloocan City	Caloocan High School
	Las Piñas	Las Piñas Elementary School - Central
	Makati City	Makati Elementary School
	Malabon/Navotas	Navotas Elementary School
	Mandaluyong	Mandaluyong Elementary School
	Manila	Padre Gomez Elementary School
	Marikina City	Marikina Elementary School
	Muntinlupa	Muntinlupa Elementary School
	Pasig/San Juan	Pasig Central Elementary School
	Parañaque	Parañaque Central Elementary School
	Pasay City	Pasay City East High School
	Quezon City	Don Alejandro Roces Sr. Science Tech. High School
	Taguig/Pateros	Upper Bicutan Elementary School
	Valenzuela City	Malinta Elementary School

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