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DepEd offers free accreditation tests on June 12

This June 12, the Department of Education (DepEd) through its National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC), will administer the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) and the Philippine Validating Test (PVT) to all regions for free.

The PEPT is a battery of academic tests used to assess knowledge, skills, and work experience acquired by school drop-outs, school leavers, and overage in-school youths which can be credited for academic equivalency.

The PVT, on the other hand, is designed for learners who have attended non-graded school programs, distance education programs, and home study programs. Pupils who have studied in schools, which are not recognized by the government, may also take the test to determine their grade/year level.

The usual cost of registration is P200 for PEPT and P100 for PVT.

PEPT is open to learners who have dropped out of school for at least a year. It aims to get out-of-school learners back into the formal school system. It is designed for learners whose ages do not correspond to their grade/year level.

Students who quit school because of unexpected circumstances are advised to take PEPT to resume formal schooling. Meanwhile, those who are over-aged may take the PEPT to place them in the grade/year level of their age.

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus encourages out-of-school learners to avail themselves of these opportunities. "Not having been able to finish school should not deter them from pursuing various job opportunities and better life options," he stressed.

For test venues, examinees are encouraged to inquire in their respective DepEd regional offices.

Requirements for the PEPT are: birth certificate, two pieces of 1 x 1 photo, and transcript of record of the last grade/year level passed.

The requirements for the PVT are letter request addressed to the Regional Office, endorsement from the region, and the transcript of record of the grade/year level(s) to be validated.

Lapus added, "These efforts are aligned to DepEd's commitment to make quality education accessible for all."

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Administrative Order 205 issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo directs the Education Chief to lead the organization and implementation of activities to commemorate Independence Day on June 12, 2008.

Lapus has organized a task force with representatives from the Office of the President, Department of Education, Department of Tourism, and the National Historical Institute.

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