



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

12 MAR 2013

DepEd ORDER  
No. **15**, s. 2013

**CLARIFYING DEPED ORDER NO. 9, S. 2013  
(2013 Graduation Rites)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. On February 14, 2013, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2013 entitled *2013 Graduation Rites*. Paragraph 2(b) of the said Order states that: “PTAs may give donations in cash or in kind for the graduation ceremonies.”
2. The DepEd clarifies Paragraph 2(b) of the said Order to mean that **“Notwithstanding any PTA resolution authorizing the collection of donations of voluntary contributions in cash or in kind for graduation ceremonies, all graduating students shall be allowed to attend or join the said ceremonies whether or not their parents give the donations for the same.**
3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Order: (No. 9, s. 2013)

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

CHANGE  
CONTRIBUTION  
GRADUATION  
POLICY

PUPILS  
SCHOOLS  
STUDENTS