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*Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary*

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DECS ORDER
No. 104, s. 1999

**EXEMPTION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
FROM TAKING THE NEAT/NSAT**

**To: Bureau/Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Chairman, CHED**

1. Some constraints have affected the desired effective and efficient administration of national examinations to physically handicapped children (crippled, "neurologically" handicapped – (celebral palsy) visually and hearing impaired) as duly attested by a competent attending physician, thereby affecting the performance assessment of special schools, private and public elementary and secondary schools.
2. These constraints include lack of facilities and lack of trained facilitators and testing aides to attend to the needs of the handicapped examinees.
3. Effective immediately, graduating physically handicapped pupils and students shall be exempted from the requirement of taking the National Elementary Achievement Test (NEAT) and the National Secondary Achievement test (NSAT).
4. This Order supersedes Item 1 of DECS Order No. 78, s. 1999 requiring all Grade VI pupils and Fourth Year students in all private and public elementary and secondary schools to take the NEAT and the NSAT respectively.
5. A Certificate of Exemption may be obtained from the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) upon indorsement of the Regional Director concerned.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.

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Secretary

Reference:

DECS Order: (No. 78, s. 1999)

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