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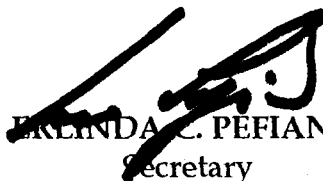
**DECS ORDER  
No. 22, s. 1998**

**PHILIPPINE VALIDATING TESTS (PVT) FOR LEARNINGS  
ACQUIRED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

To: Bureau Directors, Regional Directors, Schools Superintendents,  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities, Heads of Private Schools,  
Colleges and Universities

1. In view of the increasing number of queries from students, parents, and school administrators on how to avail themselves of the Philippine Validating Tests (PVT), being administered by this Department thru the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC), the following information and the attached guidelines are hereby given.
2. The Philippine Validating Tests (PVT) are intended to validate learnings acquired under the following situations and circumstances :
  - a. Students/pupils who studied in schools operating without permit such as the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) schools. These tests are given in order not to jeopardize them after having studied in the schools and paid all the necessary fees but were not properly informed of the status of the school;
  - b. A student who, by force of circumstances, was not able to finish the last grading period in his school, but passed all the subjects in the first three grading periods;
  - c. A student who is seeking transfer to a school in the Philippines but has not completed the school year abroad, as long as he has completed at least three grading periods; and
  - d. Students with special cases deemed meritorious.

3. The National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) shall administer the PVT to pupils/students upon submission of an appropriate request of the school without permit or of the parents and duly indorsed by the Regional Office where the school is located, but in no case shall this school be allowed to continue to operate.
4. In accordance with Memorandum Circular No. 121 and DECS Order No. 100 s. 1993, the examination fee is P50.00 per grade/year level.
5. Enclosed are Guidelines on the administration of the PVT.
6. Immediate dissemination of this DECS Order for the information and guidance of all concerned is desired.

  
ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO  
Secretary

**Incl.:**

**As stated**

**References:**

DECS Order No. 100, s. 1992

DECS Order No. 67, s. 1993

**Allotment: 1--(D.O. 50-97)**

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

**ACCREDITATION  
TESTS**