



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd ORDER
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AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO DEPED ORDER NO. 035, S. 2018
(Creation of the Financial Management Reforms Committee in the Department of Education)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) emphasizes the need to simplify, improve and harmonize its financial management systems, processes and procedures to effectively and efficiently deliver public education services. At the same time, it shall prioritize capacity building of its human resources to enhance the analysis of trends in the Department's level of expenditures consistent with the public financial management (PFM) reforms program of the government.

2. In view of this, the Department hereby issues this Order clarifying the policy governing the creation of the Financial Management Reforms Committee (FMRC).

3. The amendments and clarifications on some provisions stipulated in the enclosure of DepEd Order (DO) No. 035, s. 2018 entitled **Creation of the Financial Management Reforms Committee** are hereby presented to better implement the policy, to wit:

3.1 Paragraph No. 11.d. (Functions and Responsibilities of FMRC) under Section 11- Creation of the FMRC is hereby amended to read as follows:

d. Coordinate with the oversight agencies, such as but not limited to the Commission on Audit (COA), Civil Service Commission (CSC), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to harmonize the integrated public financial management reforms to be instituted in the DepEd. Further, the FMRC shall collaborate with various units/offices of the Department, including its regional offices and attached agencies and ensure that initiatives and preparations are being done at their levels following a specific reform initiative.

3.2 Paragraph No. 12.c. Members - Composition of the FMRC. The Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration shall be included as one of the members of FMRC. Hence, the composition of the FMRC is hereby amended to read as follows:

a. **Chairperson:** Secretary of Education

b. Co-Chairpersons

1. Undersecretary for Finance
2. Undersecretary for Administration

c. Members

1. Undersecretary for Planning, Human Resource and Organizational Development, and Field Operations
2. Undersecretary for Legal Affairs
3. Undersecretary for Personnel, Welfare, and Field Operations
4. Assistant Secretary for Finance
5. Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration

3.3 Paragraph No. 12.c. Members. The Director of Internal Audit Service shall no longer be a regular member of the FMRC. Instead, the Director shall perform other functions and responsibilities, and shall be covered under a separate provision.

3.4 Add Paragraph No. 12.d. Given the functions of the Internal Audit Service under the Philippine Government Internal Audit Manual (PGIAM) as reiterated in the National Guidelines on Internal Control System (NGICS), the Director of the Internal Audit Service shall act as resource person and shall provide advisory services on all matters related to the delivery of the outputs of FMRC and TWG.

3.5 Paragraph No. 14 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14. The FMRC, through the TWG Head, may call upon other offices and/or other support units of the Department to carry out its tasks and responsibilities.

3.6 Paragraph No. 15 under Section III - Technical Working Group (TWG) and Administrative Secretariat is hereby clarified to read as follows:

The FMRC shall be supported by a TWG and Secretariat. These may be composed of regular DepEd personnel, highly technical consultants and/or personnel under Contract of Service and/or Job Order.



Technical Working Group

Head: Assistant Secretary for Finance

Members:

1. Director, Planning Service
2. Director, Finance Service
3. Director, Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development
4. Director, Project Management Service
5. Director, Administrative Service
6. Director, Information Communications and Technology Service (ICTS)
7. Director, Procurement Service

8. Director, Legal Service
9. Philippine Association of School Superintendents (PASS)
President or Representative
10. Association of DepEd Directors (ADD) President or
Representative

3.7 Paragraph No. 17 under Section III - Technical Working Group (TWG) and Administrative Secretariat is hereby amended to read as follows:

Functions of the Secretariat:

- a. Assist the FMRC and the TWG in the preparation of workshops, fora, focus group discussions, and other similar activities, field monitoring, development of reports and concept notes;
- b. Provide administrative support services, which include, but not limited to, drafting and circulating agenda notes to members of the FMRC and TWG, as well as representatives from oversight agencies and others concerned, as may be necessary, compiling and background documentation, drafting of the Minutes of the Meeting, and monitoring follow-up actions; and
- c. Perform other related tasks as may be assigned by the FMRC through the TWG.

3.8 Add an Item under Paragraph No. 19 - On the expected outputs of the FMRC, as follows:

- f. Formulation of a financial management reform roadmap for FYs 2019–2022.

4. All other provisions of DO 035, s. 2018 shall remain enforced.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Order No.: (035, s. 2018)

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