



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

MEMORANDUM

MLA-2020-SGOD-039

TO : Private Secondary School Administrators/Principals
All Others Concerned

FROM : **JOSEPH IRWIN A. LAGURA PhD**
Schools Division Superintendent
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent */s/*

SUBJECT : **UPDATES ON GASTPE PAYMENTS AND APPEAL TO PRIVATE
SCHOOLS TO EXTEND LENIENCY ON PAYMENT OF TUITION AND
OTHER SCHOOL FEES**

DATE : March 24, 2020

1. Attached is an advisory from the Department of Education re: Updates on GASTPE payments and appeal to private schools to extend leniency on payment of tuition and other school fees.
2. The Department of Education assures schools participating in the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) that it continues to process billing statements to beneficiaries of the Education Service Contracting Program, Teachers' Salary Subsidy Program, and Senior High School Voucher Program during this period of enhanced community quarantine.
3. In this regard, private schools are enjoined to extend leniency and provide assistance to students and parents by
 - a. not collecting fees during this period,
 - b. extending deadlines for payment,
 - c. suspending late payment penalties, and
 - d. allowing payment on a staggered basis or allowing changes in payment methods
4. For information, guidance and compliance to all concerned.

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Updates on GASTPE payments and appeal to private schools to extend leniency on payment of tuition and other school fees
March 23, 2020

The Department of Education assures schools participating in the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) that it continues to process billing statements for beneficiaries of the Education Service Contracting Program, Teachers' Salary Subsidy Program, and Senior High School Voucher Program during this period of enhanced community quarantine. DepEd understands the value of these payments to the schools' operations and is expediting processing of all billing statements that have been submitted to the DepEd Central Office and its regional offices. Payments will be made as soon as possible, subject to the availability of funds. DepEd is closely coordinating with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on securing the necessary funds and ensuring their availability to meet DepEd's financial requirements.

During this period of enhanced community quarantine, the Department also enjoins private schools to extend leniency in the collection of tuition and other school fees as much as they can without compromising the school's ability to ensure payment of salaries of their teachers and school personnel. Due to the travel restrictions and projected loss of income resulting from the ongoing suspension of business, students and parents may find difficulty in fulfilling their financial obligations to private schools. Private schools may provide assistance such as not collecting fees during this period, extending deadlines for payment, suspending late payment penalties, and allowing payment on a staggered basis or allowing changes in payment methods. These, as well as other forms of assistance, will help significantly in alleviating the concerns of students and their families and allow them to focus on their health and safety during these difficult times.

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During this difficult time, private schools are enjoined to extend leniency and provide assistance to students and parents by

- a. not collecting fees during this period,

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