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*OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT*  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Press Statement

## **CHED approves 354 applications for tuition increase**

Out of the 1,683 private higher education institutions (HEIs), 451 or 27 per cent applied for tuition and other school fees increase this year. Of them, 354 or 21 per cent have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The 413th Regular Commission En Banc Meeting approved the final figures verified and presented by the Office of Student Services after a month of careful scrutiny of the submissions. The final figures are based on consolidated reports of the 16 CHED Regional Offices (excluding ARMM).

Regions NCR, IV-A and III have the most number of HEIs i.e. 308, 230 and 202 in that order. Out of the 95 HEIs that applied for tuition increase in NCR, 72 have been given the go signal, while IV-A and III with 64 and 55 applications had 52 and 37 approvals respectively.

The average tuition fee increase per unit for school year 2013-2014 is PhP37.45 or 8.5 per cent nationwide. This is the lowest percentage increase in the past ten years. Increase in the three largest regions, were as follows: NCR had a per unit tuition fee increase of PhP64.04 or 6.79 per cent, IV-A, PhP48.81 or 7.86 per cent and III, PhP44.48 or 8.86 per cent. The highest increases were in regions II, PhP31.26 or 12.25 per cent, V, PhP44.77 or 11.83 per cent and I, PhP34.10 or 11.12 per cent. The average increase in other school fees nationwide is PhP194.62 or 7.58 per cent.

Section 42 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 232 or the Education Act of 1982 stipulates that "Each private school shall determine its rate of tuition and other school fees or charges... subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports" (now DEPED, TESDA and CHED). The other legal provisions designed to regulate tuition and other fees lie in RA 6728 or the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education Act and regulations such as CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) 13, s. 1998 and CMO 3, s. 2012, which require HEIs, for every incremental tuition increase, to allocate 70 per cent of the increase for the payment of salaries, wages, allowances and other benefits of teaching and non-teaching personnel; 20 per cent for the improvement and/or acquisition of facilities, or modernization of buildings, equipment, libraries, laboratories and other similar facilities and the payment of other costs of operation; and 10 per cent for the return on investment for the HEIs if they are stock corporations, otherwise, the remainder is to be utilized for the operations of the HEI.

The 1987 Constitution also recognizes the complementary roles of public and private sectors and the need to provide quality education and access of students to this. CHED's approach to the issue of tuition is wholistic. In light of contending concerns and interests in society, there is a need to balance access issues with sustainability of educational institutions.

CHED will ensure that HEIs meet the guidelines provided by law, especially the requirement of consultation, the allocation of tuition fees, and the strict adherence with the processes that seek to make tuition fee increases transparent, reasonable and affordable.

On April 5, 2013, a resolution was passed by the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) approving a moratorium on undergraduate tuition and miscellaneous fee increases in all public HEIs.

In order to address the issues of higher education financing, access to affordable education, and viability of HEIs, CHED believes there is a need to adopt a financing framework that balances the tuition fee policy imposed on HEIs, accessibility concerns, student financial assistance and the greater concern for quality outcomes.


In coordination with government and non-government agencies, CHED has crafted CMO 9, series of 2013 or the Enhanced Policies and Guidelines on Student Affairs and Services which seeks to improve the delivery of student welfare services and activities for students.

For school year 2013-2014, CHED has programmed 52,517 Student Financial Assistance Programs' (StuFAPs) beneficiaries amounting to more than PhP706-million. This is 10 per cent more than the slots provided for last year. The StuFAPs support deserving students enrolled in public and private HEIs. In addition, it has provided financial assistance to 4,041 students enrolled in 35 selected State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) under the "Students Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (SGP-PA) with a budget of PhP500-million. These students belong to the poorest of the poor families identified by the DSWD under its *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program. Further, CHED provides four-year college education to former rebels and amnesty grantees through the *Bangsamoro* and *PAMANA* Special Grants-In-Aid Programs which have already benefited over 800 beneficiaries. These programs are in coordination with the Office of Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

Come school year 2014-2015, CHED is proposing to increase its support to private higher education under the Expanded Private Education Student Financial Assistance (PESFA) Program in the amount of PhP1-Billion or more than 32,000 slots. This allocation is over and above the requested PhP1-Billion or approximately 26,000 slots for SGP-PA beneficiaries and students in SUCs.

Finally, CHED strongly supports the passage of the proposed Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Higher and Technical Education or UniFAST Bill now pending in Congress, which seeks to harmonize and unify government scholarship and grants-in-aid programs to promote equity and rationalized access to quality higher and technical education among those in need.

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Chairperson



## CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON AVERAGE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES (TOSF) INCREASE

PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION (PHEIs), AY 2013-2014

as of May 24, 2013

| REGION       | Total No. of PHEIs | No. of PHEIs that submitted letter of intent | Total No. of PHEIs that will increase TOSF | AVERAGE INCREASE IN TUITION |                                 |                                 |              |                         | AVERAGE INCREASE IN OTHER SCHOOL FEES |                             |                             |              |                         |
|--------------|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|              |                    |  |  | HEIs                        | Existing Tuition (AY 2012-2013) | Proposed Tuition (AY 2013-2014) | % Increase   | Average Peso Equivalent | HEIs                                  | Existing OSF (AY 2012-2013) | Proposed OSF (AY 2013-2014) | % Increase   | Average Peso Equivalent |
| I            | 83                 | 24   | 17   | 15                          | 306.59                          | 340.69                          | 11.12%       | 34.10                   | 17                                    | 359.86                      | 427.84                      | 18.89%       | 67.98                   |
| II           | 63                 | 10   | 9  | 9                           | 255.27                          | 286.53                          | 12.25%       | 31.26                   | 5                                     | 269.92                      | 310.82                      | 15.15%       | 40.90                   |
| III          | 202                | 55   | 37   | 32                          | 502.29                          | 546.77                          | 8.86%        | 44.48                   | 29                                    | 8,148.38                    | 8,802.59                    | 8.03%        | 654.21                  |
| IVA          | 230                | 64   | 52   | 49                          | 620.76                          | 669.57                          | 7.86%        | 48.81                   | 44                                    | 7,025.33                    | 7,864.33                    | 11.94%       | 839.00                  |
| IVB          | 39                 | 5  | 8  | 7                           | 391.96                          | 433.64                          | 10.63%       | 41.68                   | 8                                     | 267.91                      | 298.94                      | 11.58%       | 31.03                   |
| V            | 107                | 30   | 24   | 23                          | 378.48                          | 423.25                          | 11.83%       | 44.77                   | 13                                    | 349.14                      | 416.40                      | 19.26%       | 67.26                   |
| VI           | 78                 | 38   | 21   | 18                          | 442.47                          | 478.24                          | 8.08%        | 35.77                   | 13                                    | 634.04                      | 677.48                      | 6.85%        | 43.44                   |
| VII          | 126                | 28   | 18   | 16                          | 555.74                          | 603.17                          | 8.53%        | 47.43                   | 11                                    | 1,222.98                    | 1,347.40                    | 10.17%       | 124.42                  |
| VIII         | 81                 | 6  | 10   | 10                          | 352.06                          | 382.85                          | 8.75%        | 30.79                   | 6                                     | 7,318.33                    | 7,611.67                    | 4.01%        | 293.34                  |
| IX           | 53                 | 15   | 13   | 13                          | 327.69                          | 343.23                          | 4.74%        | 15.54                   | 10                                    | 5,944.93                    | 6,121.49                    | 2.97%        | 176.56                  |
| X            | 65                 | 25   | 21   | 19                          | 386.98                          | 420.10                          | 8.56%        | 33.12                   | 20                                    | 4,524.80                    | 4,862.51                    | 7.46%        | 337.71                  |
| XI           | 85                 | 32   | 30   | 24                          | 385.89                          | 418.64                          | 8.49%        | 32.75                   | 22                                    | 684.78                      | 775.90                      | 13.31%       | 91.12                   |
| XII          | 87                 | 15   | 14   | 13                          | 358.39                          | 391.80                          | 9.32%        | 33.41                   | 10                                    | 323.81                      | 369.53                      | 14.12%       | 45.72                   |
| NCR          | 308                | 95   | 72   | 70                          | 943.05                          | 1,007.09                        | 6.79%        | 64.04                   | 62                                    | 1,148.98                    | 1,232.94                    | 7.31%        | 83.96                   |
| CAR          | 35                 | 7  | 6  | 4                           | 456.37                          | 482.19                          | 5.66%        | 25.82                   | 5                                     | 297.61                      | 320.21                      | 7.59%        | 22.60                   |
| CARAGA       | 41                 | 2  | 2  | 2                           | 378.76                          | 414.24                          | 9.37%        | 35.48                   |                                       |                             |                             |              |                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,683</b>       | <b>451</b>                                   | <b>354</b>                                 | <b>324</b>                  | <b>440.17</b>                   | <b>477.63</b>                   | <b>8.51%</b> | <b>37.45</b>            | <b>275</b>                            | <b>2,568.05</b>             | <b>2,762.67</b>             | <b>7.58%</b> | <b>194.62</b>           |

Note:

**21.03%** Total number of PHEIs that will increase tuition and other school fees for AY 2013-2014