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**Department of Education**

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**ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (A&E) TEST  
 REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

To: Undersecretaries  
 Assistant Secretaries  
 Bureau and Service Directors  
 Regional Directors  
 Schools Division Superintendents  
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
 All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), announces the registration period for and administration of Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test.

2. A&E Test applicants may register from October 2 to 25, 2017 at the schools division offices (SDOs) or district offices (DOs) identified by the schools division superintendents as registration centers. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 44, s. 2017 entitled Guidelines on Updating the Status of Learners of the Alternative Learning System in the Learner Information System as of the End of Calendar Year 2016, the following may take the A&E Test:

- a. Learners in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and Nonformal Education programs;
- b. Out-of-School children and youth who are prepared for assessment; and
- c. Adults who are seeking Certification of Learning.

3. Applicants shall be at least 12 years old for elementary level and at least 16 years old for junior high school.

4. Registration requirements are as follows:

- a. Original and photocopy of Certification of ALS Program (for ALS learners only);
- b. Original and photocopy of birth certificate from the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Office);
- c. If copy of the birth certificate from the Philippine Statistics Authority is not available, any of these documents may be presented:
  - i. Baptismal certificate;
  - ii. Voter's ID (with photo and signature);
  - iii. Passport;
  - iv. Driver's license; or
  - v. Any legal document bearing the applicant's photo, name and signature.
- d. Two pieces 1x1 identical ID photo (white background with name tag).

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TO: Public Schools District Supervisors  
 ALS Implementers  
 All Other Concern

October 27, 2017 DepEd, Division of Catanduanes  
 RECORDS SECTION  
 Date OCT 30 2017  
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For your information, guidance and widest dissemination of this memorandum is earnestly desired.

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**SOCORRO V. DELA ROSA, CESO VI**  
 Schools Division Superintendent

5. The Schools Division Superintendents shall:
  - a. designate a registration officer both in the SDOs and DOs;
  - b. identify the testing centers both in the SDOs and DOs (refer to DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016 for testing center requirements);
  - c. assign personnel with experience in the conduct of BEA testing programs as room examiners, room supervisors, and chief examiners per testing center; and
  - d. attest the ALS Program Completion of A&E test applicants (for ALS learners only).
  
6. Regional Testing Coordinators and Division Testing Coordinators (DTCs) shall monitor the registration process in the SDOs and DOs.
  
7. The final number and the list of qualified registrants per testing center shall be submitted by the DTCs, using the format provided in the enclosure to BEA through [bea.ead@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bea.ead@deped.gov.ph) or courier by October 27, 2017.
  
8. The following enclosures shall guide and be utilized by registration officers and DTCs:
  - Enclosure No. 1 – Certificate of ALS Program Completion;
  - Enclosure No. 2 – Registration Form; and
  - Enclosure No. 3 – Template for Registration.
  
9. The assigned testing center for applicants shall be indicated in the registration form by the registration officer.
  
10. The A&E Test will be administered nationwide by cluster on the following dates:

Cluster	Date	Target Test Takers
Luzon	November 19, 2017	2016 ALS completers and other qualified applicants based on Item No. 2 of this Memorandum
Visayas and Mindanao	November 26, 2017	

11. Only registered applicants shall be allowed to take the test during the scheduled dates.
  
12. In compliance with DepEd Memorandum No. 121, s. 2017 entitled Clarification on the Implementation of Portfolio Assessment in the Alternative Learning System, portfolio assessment will not be required for A&E Test this year and will not be a part of the final rating. The passing rate is still 75% as per DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016 entitled Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program.

13. For more information, contact the **Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Assessment Division (BEA-EAD)**, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no. (02) 631-2589.

14. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

**Encls.:**

As stated

**References:**

DepEd Order Nos.: (55, s. 2016 and 44, s. 2017)  
DepEd Memorandum (No. 121, s. 2017)

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