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



**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)**

No. 05  
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**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL VETERINARY ADMISSION TEST (NVAT) EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) 2017-2018**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", and by virtue of Resolution No. 060-2017 of the Commission en Banc dated January 24, 2017, the administration of the National Veterinary Admission Test (NVAT) effective AY 2017-2018 is hereby suspended. The following are the considerations relative to the suspension of NVAT:

1. There is a need for the panel of experts to review and update the questions in order to align with the current curricula and terms of specifications.
2. There is an urgent need by the panel of experts to conduct a study if the NVAT significantly improves the quality of students under the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program by upgrading the selection process for admission in professional veterinary curriculum.
3. The panel of experts shall have to identify a CHED accredited testing body to administer the NVAT in accordance with CMO 29, s. 2004 which states that the NVAT will be administered initially by CHED through the Office of Programs, Standards and Development (OPSD) and shall eventually transfer the administration of NVAT to a CHED-accredited testing body.
4. Starting Academic Year 2017-2018, all incoming students may be admitted to the DVM proper without the NVAT requirement. However, the concerned institutions may use their own admission policies and procedure for the incoming DVM proper students until such time that the administration of NVAT has been transferred to a CHED-accredited testing body.

This CMO shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in force and effect until further revoked or superseded.

Quezon City, Philippines February 22, 2017

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