



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)**  
**NO. 02**  
**Series of 2015**

**SUBJECT: LIFTING OF MORATORIUM ON THE OFFERING OF PROGRAMS  
VIA TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION (TNE)**

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 Commission en banc (CEB) Resolution No. 518-2014 dated September 2, 2014, the temporary moratorium on the processing of new applications and opening of new programs and auxiliary services through Transnational Education (TNE) is hereby lifted by the Commission effective Academic Year 2015-2016.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recognizes that globalization, changing foreign policies, and liberalization of trade in goods and services worldwide have created a climate for borderless teaching and learning as well as expanded the opportunities for transnational education. This phenomenon, together with rapid developments in information and communications technology, promotes access to foreign qualifications, degrees, certificates and diplomas. It also encourages Philippine universities, colleges and training institutions to offer credits and degrees in a borderless environment.

The potential of transnational arrangements, engagements, and agreements to provide education that meets human, social, economic and cultural needs can only be achieved by ensuring quality provision of educational services.

From 2011 to 2013, the CHED conducted validation/evaluation visits to higher education institutions (HEIs) with programs offered via Transnational Education with the assistance of the Technical Panel for Transnational Education and Distance Education (TPTNEDE) and the following are the general observations:

- Graduate programs offered via TNE are not offered in the residential programs
- Almost all HEIs offer TNE programs by virtue of a Board Resolution (BOR) and have no Government authority from the CHED.
- Learning Management Systems are not in place in the HEIs.
- The provisions of majority of the Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) executed by the HEIs with foreign partners are open-ended in nature.
- As of AY 2013-2014, there were only fifteen (15) TNE providers which applied for CHED authorization to offer programs via TNE.

To ensure that only qualified Philippine HEIs will offer TNE programs, only HEIs with any of the following qualifications shall be allowed to offer programs via TNE:

- Autonomous/deregulated status for private HEIs and SUC Level III status for state universities and colleges;
- Center Excellence/Center of Development (COE/COD) in the programs being applied for;
- With ISO certification or equivalent accreditation from international audit bodies/agencies.

This CMO supersedes CHED Memorandum Order No. 31, series of 2012 and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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