



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

**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 04  
Series of 2008

**TO :** CHED REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
**HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT :** REITERATING CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 4,  
**SERIES OF 2005, "OBSERVANCE OF SIMPLE  
GRADUATION RITES IN ALL HIGHER EDUCATION  
INSTITUTIONS"**

**DATE :** 10 March 2008

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Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", and Administrative Order No. 103, "Directing Continued Adoption of Austerity Measures in the Government" and in consideration of the present economic difficulties of most of the graduating students, this Office hereby urges Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to hold simple graduation rites.

Private and Public Higher Education Institutions are hereby urged to refrain from requiring graduating students to:

- a. attend graduation rites in special attires and extra-ordinary venues;
- b. pay contributions for annual yearbook and other related items unless necessary consultations with recognized student representatives have been made prior to its implementation; and
- c. submit non-academic project as graduation requirement.

CHED Regional Offices are hereby directed to inform HEIs within their jurisdiction and monitor their compliance.

For guidance and immediate compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 12th day of March 2008, Pasig City, Philippines.

  
**ROMULO L. NERI**  
Chairman