



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



CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 15
SERIES OF 2012

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CMO 34, SERIES OF 2010 TITLED "CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) DUE TO TYPHOONS / STORMS, FLOODING AND OTHER WEATHER DISTURBANCES"

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and in view of Malacañang Executive Order 66 entitled "PRESCRIBING RULES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES DUE TO TYPHOONS, FLOODING, OTHER WEATHER DISTURBANCES, AND CALAMITIES," guidelines for the suspension of classes in higher education institutions are hereby updated as follows:

1. CHED does not issue cancellation or suspension of classes.
2. Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, in the affected area, are automatically cancelled or suspended when Signal No. 3 is raised by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA) and announced through various media outlets.
3. Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, may be cancelled or suspended at the discretion of local chief executives of Local Government Units and/or heads of HEIs if special circumstances in their area such as flooding, road damage, etc. warrant it. HEIs are also advised to monitor National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) announcements where disasters and calamities are present.
4. Local chief executives and/or HEI heads or their duly authorized representatives shall make the announcement for the cancellation or suspension of classes **not** later than 4:30AM of the day when cancellation or suspension shall take **effect**, using all available media outlets (radio, TV, SMS, website and other forms of **social** media). For midday suspensions, the announcement shall be made not later **than** 11:00AM. School heads are advised to use proper discretion since there are **times** it is safer to keep the students in school rather than expose them to **greater** danger.
5. Even without the cancellation or suspension of classes, students who are **unable** to report to class or participate in scheduled activities such as exams due to inclement weather shall be given consideration and be allowed to make up for the missed class or activity.

This guideline shall remain in effect until revoked or amended.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 1st day of June 2012, Quezon City, Philippines.

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