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



CHED Memorandum Order (CMO)

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**SUBJECT : TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OF NEW APPLICATIONS AND OPENING OF NEW PROGRAMS AND AUXILIARY SERVICES THROUGH TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION**

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", and by virtue of Commission en Banc (CEB) Resolution No. 173-2012, and upon recommendation of the Technical Panel for Transnational Education and Distance Education (TP TNEDE) through TP Resolution No. 02-2012, the Commission on Higher Education hereby issues the following directives:

1. The temporary moratorium is hereby declared on the processing of new applications and opening of new programs and auxiliary services through Transnational Education (TNE) effective SY 2012-2013. This moratorium is necessary in view of the need to determine the current status of all programs and auxiliary services via TNE.
2. Only applications filed on or before June 30 2012 shall be evaluated and processed by the CHED Regional Office s and/or the Office of Programs and Standards consistent with the timelines prescribed under the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education (MORPHE) of 2008. A letter of intent is not considered an application.
3. The moratorium shall cover all public and private higher education institutions, centers, institutes, and other entities interested to offer programs and auxiliary services through TNE.
4. This CMO shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Quezon City, Philippines 16 July, 2012.

For the Commission:

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