



**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



**JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2021 - 002**

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE IV-B OF CHED-DOH JMC NO. 2021-001 ENTITLED "GUIDELINES ON THE GRADUAL REOPENING OF CAMPUSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC"

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Health (DOH) are jointly issuing this amendment to Article IV-B of CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-001, series of 2021, as follows:

IV. COVERAGE

B. HEIs in GCQ Areas and HEIs Offering Medical Education Programs in ECQ/MECQ/GCQ with Heightened Restrictions Areas

For HEIs located in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), CHED may give them authority to conduct limited face-to-face classes during the COVID-19 pandemic subject to compliance with this JMC, the policies stated above, and based on the following considerations:

1. They submitted their applications to the concerned CHEDROs;
2. They are offering any of the priority health-related degree programs and courses/subjects; and
3. They have base hospital/s catering to COVID 19 patients.

For HEIs offering medical education programs located in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), GCQ with Heightened Restrictions, CHED may give them authority to conduct limited face-to-face classes during the COVID-19 pandemic subject to compliance with this JMC, the policies stated above, and based on the following considerations:

1. They submitted their applications to the concerned CHEDROs;
2. They have base hospital/s catering to COVID-19 patients. Following the UP PGH model, medical clerks and postgraduate/medical interns shall NOT be allowed to rotate in the emergency room, out-patient department, and COVID wards, but ONLY be allowed to rotate in non-COVID units (including

non-COVID operating rooms and ICU), telemedicine hub and the *Bayanihan Na Operations Center* (if applicable);

3. Only fully vaccinated medical clerks and postgraduate/medical interns shall be allowed while unvaccinated clerks/interns shall continue with the flexible learning modality and may take face-to-face classes if the area is re-classified to MGCQ/GCQ.
4. For HEIs already issued authority by CHED to conduct limited face-to-face classes, the same will serve as authority to conduct limited face-to-face classes in areas under ECQ, MECQ and GCQ with Heightened Restrictions, subject to the same conditions and obligations.
5. The limited face-to-face classes of medical clerks and postgraduate/medical interns in base hospitals shall not be affected by the implementation of granular lockdowns in any barangay, municipality, city or province.

All other provisions of CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-001, series of 2021 not affected by the above amendments shall remain valid and enforceable.

Issued on 16th day of September, 2021, Quezon City, Philippines.



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