



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



**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**TO :** CHED REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS  
PRESIDENTS AND HEADS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

**SUBJECT :** INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE PROCESSING OF  
APPLICATIONS TO INCREASE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL  
FEES (TOSF) FOR ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) 2022-2023

**DATE :** JULY 11, 2022

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and CHED Memorandum Order No. 3, Series of 2012, the Commission has approved the adjustment of the Regional Inflation Rate (RIR), which is one of the factors to be considered in the determination of the reasonableness of all charges, increases and impositions on tuition and other school fees by higher education institutions (HEIs).

**I. BACKGROUND**

On 11 February 2022, the Commission has issued the Regional Inflation Rate for Academic Year 2022-2023. In the determination of the Regional Inflation Rate, CHED uses the average of the Regional Inflation Rate for education sector provided by the Philippine Statistics Authority. However, the Commission recognizes unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances which happened in the year 2022 which necessitates the adjustment of the Regional Inflation Rate. In the Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index: May 2022 issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority, inflation in NCR increased further to 4.7 percent in May 2022, from 4.4 percent in April 2022. In May 2021, inflation in the region was observed at 2.6 percent. Following the trend of the Philippines and NCR, inflation in Areas outside NCR (AONCR) was higher at 5.5 percent in May 2022 from 5.1 percent in April 2022. Inflation in AONCR in May 2021 stood at 4.5 percent. Global supply-chain disruptions have continued across several industries, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine which has resulted to inflation. Furthermore, the recent minimum wage increase approved by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) will increase the cost of operation of colleges. Inflation results to colleges paying more for labor, food, energy and other utilities. Although, the Regional Inflation Rate is only one of the factors to be considered in the determination of the reasonableness of all charges/increases and impositions on tuition and other school fees, the Commission recognizes the need for adjustment of the Regional Inflation Rate as guide to our Regional Offices.

## II. COVERAGE

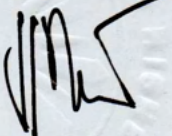

For Academic Year (AY) 2022-2023, on the interim, the Commission shall adopt the inflation rate as published by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)<sup>1</sup>, as follows:

Area	Inflation rate
Philippines	5.4
National Capital Region (NCR)	4.7
Areas outside NCR (AONCR)	5.5

## III. EVALUATION PROCESS OF THE APPLICATION FOR NON-AUTONOMOUS AND REGULATED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

1. If the proposed TOSF of the increase is less than or equal to the regional inflation rate as provided above, CHEDRO has to attend to the application of HEIs for increase in tuition and other school fees subject to the conditions stipulated in CMO No. 3, Series of 2012 and further issuances by CHED.
2. If the proposed TOSF rate of increase is greater than the regional inflation rate as provided above, the application for increase will be subjected to evaluation/analysis of CHEDRO based on other factors such as the financial standing of the HEI, financial capacity of the general studentry, impact of force majeure or calamities, quality track records of the school and mission and vision of the school and should be forwarded to the CEB for its approval of the recommended action.

For immediate action and strict compliance.

  
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Chairman 

<sup>1</sup> Note: Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index for May 2022 as presented during the CEB meeting on June 21, 2022

