



**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**



Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 06

**FOR : COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA)**

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO NUMBERS 6.1 AND 6.2 OF JMC NO.
2017-7 ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT
FUND - GRANTS-IN-AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
PROGRAM (ACEF-GIAHEP)"**

Pursuant to pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and RA No. 10848 "The Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund Extension Law" which mandates CHED to implement a comprehensive and attractive grant-in-aid program for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and veterinary medicine education, CHED and DA issued JMC No. 2017-7 "Implementing Guidelines of the ACEF-GIAHEP." In line with the continued efforts of CHED and DA to refine and increase the responsiveness of its policies, the following amendments to CHED-DA JMC No. 2017-7 are hereby adopted and promulgated by CHED and DA for the guidance of all concerned stakeholders.

Section 1 - Numbers 6.1 and 6.2 of CHED-DA JMC No. 2017-7 are hereby amended and shall read as follows:

"6.1 A student-grantee shall be entitled to the following:

Particulars	Unit Cost (PHP)	Total Cost/Year (PHP)
1. Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF)	PHP10,000.00/semester	20,000.00
2. Stipend for regular semesters	PHP2,500.00/mo. x 10 mos.	25,000.00
3. Book Allowance	PHP1,000.00/semester	2,000.00
Total		47,000.00

4. Summer Classes 1.1 TOSF 1.2 Stipend	PHP 3,500.00 PHP2,500.00/mo. x 2mos. = PHP5,000.00 (as required in the curriculum)
5. Thesis/Project Grant (one time grant)	PHP15,000.00 for the whole course (as required in the curriculum)
6. Practicum/On-the-job Training (OJT) Allowance (one time grant)	PHP3,000.00 (for the entire duration of OJT)

6.2 Non-inclusion of TOSF benefits.

6.2.1 Starting Academic Year (AY) 2017-2018, the tuition fee component is deleted from the benefits released to students enrolled in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). This is in consonance with the Special Provisions of RA No. 10924 "General Appropriations Act for FY 2017;"

6.2.2 Starting AY 2018-2019, the TOSF component is deleted from the benefits of students enrolled in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) concerned. This in consonance with RA No. 10931 "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act;"

6.2.3 Stipend, book allowance and other financial benefits shall be provided in accordance with CHED-DA JMC No. 2017-7; and

6.2.4 In the event that the concerned grantees opted out from the above-mentioned benefits, the TOSF will be paid under the ACEF-GIAHEP.

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Section 2. Transitory Clause – The provisions of this amendment shall apply to requests or causes pending before the effectivity of this policy.

Section 3. Repealing Clause – CHED-DA JMC No. 2017-7 and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this JMC are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly. All other provisions of CHED-DA JMC No. 2017-7 that are not affected by this amendment shall remain valid and in force.


Section 4. Separability Clause – If any part of this JMC is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or provisions thereof not so declared shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause – This policy shall take effect immediately after its issuance. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this JMC is directed.

Issued this 30th of October, 2019 in Quezon City, Philippines.



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