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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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**CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISIONS OF DEPED ORDER NO. 47, S. 2016  
"OMNIBUS POLICY ON KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION"**

**To:** OIC- Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Heads of Public Elementary and Private Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a copy of Clarificatory Guidelines on the Provisions of DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2016 "Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education" to be strictly followed by **both public and private schools**.
2. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

  
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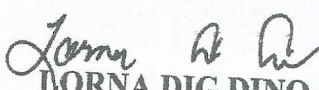




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**MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO :** All Regional Directors  
DepEd ARMM Secretary  
All Schools Division/City Superintendents  
All Regional and Division Coordinators in-charge of Kindergarten  
All School Heads, Public and Private Elementary Schools

**FROM :**   
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Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT :** CLARIFICATORY GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISIONS OF  
DEPED ORDER NO. 47, S. 2016 "OMNIBUS POLICY ON  
KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION"

**DATE :** 11 December 2017

The following clarificatory guidelines on the provisions of DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2016 shall be strictly followed by **both public and private elementary schools**:

1. Entry and cut off age of Kindergarten

- Entry age for Kindergarten learners in both public and private schools must be five (5) years old by June 1 of every school year. However, schools are given the permission and authority to accept learners who will turn 5 years old until the end of August on the condition that the Philippine Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist must be administered to the learner to ensure that he/she is capable to meet the expectations of the grade level. School Heads must submit a letter stating the learner's results from the Philippine ECD Checklist and if there are any additional documentation of ECE experiences to the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) on or before the start of enrolment period of every school year and must secure approval from the SDS for these learners to be enrolled in Kindergarten.
- For learners who have undergone early education experiences (i.e. nursery, preschool) and have demonstrated capacity to be in Kindergarten but are below five years old from June 1 until end of August, they shall still comply with the age requirement of 5 years old (June 1 until end of August of every school year).  
The policy draws justification that the Kindergarten Curriculum is intended to help children who are at least 5 years old to acquire the values, attitudes and competencies that are known to enable successful and beneficial participation in school learning experiences. It is designed on the bases of the prevailing understanding about developmentally appropriate expectations namely:





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psychomotor, socio-emotional, language, cognitive and spiritual and on how children who are at least 5 years old learn and develop to nurture a holistically and developmentally appropriate program for young learners. Children who start formal school too early may encounter difficulties in meeting the content and performance standards across all developmental domains, and experience unnecessary stress that may lead to long-term negative effects such as poor self-esteem, loss of motivation to learn and mental health problems (Whitebread D. and Coltman P., 2015 - Teaching and Learning in the Early Grades. New York: Routledge)

- For learners who are presently enrolled in the Gifted and Talented class under the existing DepEd Headstart Program, the policy guidelines for age requirement below five years old are still in forced until rescinded or amended.

## 2. Eligibility for Grade I

For children six (6) years old and above who have not attended Kindergarten due to difficult circumstances; such as, but not limited to: chronic illness, displaced due to armed conflict, urban resettlement, disasters, extreme poverty, child abuse such as domestic violence, neglect and abandonment, the child must complete the Kindergarten Catch-Up Education Program according to DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2014.

It should be reiterated that KCEP is only provided to learners experiencing such factors stated in DO 11, s. 2014 and not a replacement of the regular Kindergarten Education. Kindergarten is mandatory and compulsory for incoming Grade 1 per Republic Act 10157 "An Act Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education Into the Basic Education System and Appropriating Funds Therefor".

## 3. Kindergarten Progress Report

- The Kindergarten Progress Report (contextualized in mother tongue) shall serve as the Form 137 and Form 138 of the Kindergarten learners until such time that the Department of Education issues a new format.

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