



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region VI – Western Visayas  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE – CAPIZ**

18 April 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. **222**, s. 2024

**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11984 – “NO PERMIT, NO EXAM PROHIBITION ACT”**

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 303, s. 2024 titled **“Republic Act No. 11984 – “No Permit, No Exam Prohibition Act”**.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**MIGUEL MAC D. APOSIN EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: OASOPS No. 2024-058  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subjects:

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**Department of Education**  
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11984 –  
“NO PERMIT, NO EXAM PROHIBITION ACT”**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached are the **DepEd Memorandum OASOPS No. 2024-058**, titled **Republic Act No 11984 – “No Permit, No Exam Prohibition Act”**, from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary of Operations and the letter from Atty. Kamille N. Espino, Acting Director IV, Malacañang Records Office.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

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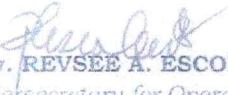
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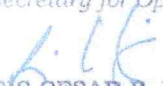


Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
**OPERATIONS**

OASOPS No. 2024-058  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
Atty. **REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

  
**FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS**  
*Assistant Secretary for Operations*

**SUBJECT :** Republic Act No. 11984 – “No Permit, No Exam Prohibition Act”

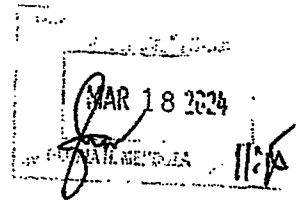
**DATE :** March 19, 2024

This Office respectfully endorses the attached letter from Atty. Kamille N. Espino, Acting Director IV, Malacañang Records Office, dated *March 15<sup>th</sup>*, 2024, regarding the dissemination of Republic Act No. 11984, titled *AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS WITH UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES TO TAKE THE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*, dated March 11, 2024.

**For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.**

Copy Furnished:  
Atty. **KAMILLE N. ESPINO**  
*Acting Director IV, Malacañang Records Office*

**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**



**MALACAÑANG RECORDS OFFICE**

Manila, March 15, 2024

**VICE PRESIDENT SARA Z. DUTERTE**  
Secretary, Department of Education  
Pasig City

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**Madam:**

I have the honor to transmit for your information and guidance, a certified copy of Republic Act No. 11984 which was approved on March 11, 2024 entitled **"AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS WITH UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES TO TAKE THE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. KAMILLE N. ESPINO**  
Acting Director IV

S. No. 1359  
H. Nos. 6483 and 7584

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress

Second Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fourth  
day of July, two thousand twenty-three.

[ REPUBLIC ACT No. 11984 ]

AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW  
DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS WITH UNPAID  
TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES TO TAKE  
THE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as  
the "No Permit, No Exam Prohibition Act".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the  
State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality  
education and to take appropriate steps to make education  
accessible to all.

To this end, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. It shall also take into account the welfare of both the students and the educational institutions by exercising just and reasonable supervision of the latter and ensuring that educational opportunities are made available to students regardless of their economic status.

**SEC. 3. Coverage.** - This Act shall cover all public and private basic (K to 12) institutions, higher education institutions, and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs): *Provided*, That in the case of TVIs, this Act shall only cover long-term courses exceeding one (1) year.

**SEC. 4. Mandate of Educational Institutions to Disadvantaged Students.** - All public and private educational institutions covered by this Act are hereby mandated to accommodate and allow Disadvantaged Students unable to pay tuition and other fees to take the scheduled periodic and final examinations without requiring a permit: *Provided, however*, That in the case of K to 12 students, the mandate shall be for the entire school year: *Provided*, That the Municipal, City or Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, or the Regional Office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as the case may be, shall issue the necessary certificate on the disadvantaged status of the student due to calamities, emergencies, *force majeure* and other good or justifiable reasons in accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the DSWD: *Provided, further*, That this Act shall be without prejudice to the right and power of educational institutions to require the submission of a promissory note, withhold records and credentials of students and such other legal and administrative remedies available to them for the collection of unpaid fees: *Provided, finally*, That educational institutions may voluntarily, without need of the certification mentioned herein, allow a Disadvantaged Student with outstanding tuition and other fees to take examinations and release their relevant records and credentials in accordance with its policies, rules and regulations.

**SEC. 5. Administrative Sanctions.** - All covered public and private educational institutions found guilty of violating Section 4 of this Act shall be subject to administrative sanctions that may be imposed by the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, as the case may be.

**SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The DSWD shall, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, promulgate the rules and regulations defining "Disadvantaged Student" and the criteria and requirements for, and effectivity of, the issuance of a certification to that effect by the Municipal, City or Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, or the Regional Office of the DSWD, to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

**SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.


**SEC. 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

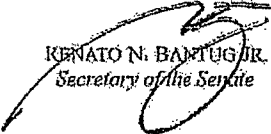
Approved,

  
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMALDEZ  
Speaker of the House  
of Representatives


  
JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI  
President of the Senate

This Act, which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 1969 and House Bill Nos. 6483 and 7584, was passed by the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives on December 6, 2023.

  
REGINALD S. VELASCO  
*Secretary General*  
*House of Representatives*

  
RENATO N. BANTOG JR.  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved: **MAR 11 2024**

  
FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.  
*President of the Philippines*



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