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Legal Education Board

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For : ALL LAW SCHOOLS, LAW STUDENTS
AND PROSPECTIVE LAW STUDENTS

From : Legal Education Board

Subject : NEW REGULATORY ISSUANCES

ADVISORY

All law schools, particularly institution presidents, law deans and registrars, law students and prospective law students are advised to take note of the following new regulatory issuances of the Legal Education Board:

1. **LEB Memorandum Order No. 5 (Guidelines for the Pre-Require Subjects in the Basic Law Courses)**
 - Prescribes what subjects must be passed before taking advance subjects.
 - No credit for advance subjects can be earned if taken without passing first the pre-requisite subject(s).
2. **LEB Memorandum Order No. 6 (Reportorial Requirements for Law Schools)**
 - Prescribes a semestral/term report to be submitted by legal education institutions (both law schools and graduate law schools) on basic information about the operation of its law program.
3. **LEB Memorandum Order No. 7 (Policies and Regulations for the Administration of a Nationwide Uniform Law School Admission Test for Applicants to the Basic Law Courses in All Law Schools in the Country)**
 - Requires all prospective enrollees to the basic law courses (Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor) starting SY 2017-2018 to pass the Philippine Law School Admission Test (PhLSAT), an aptitude test on communications and language proficiency, critical thinking skills, and verbal and quantitative reasoning.
 - The passing or cut-off score is 55% correct answers, but for SY 2017-2018, law deans may admit and enroll even those who scored below 55%, subject to the submission of a written justification to the LEB.
 - The PhLSAT is targeted to be administered on April 16, 2017 in 7 sites located in Baguio City, Metro Manila, Legazpi City, Iloilo City, Cebu City, Davao City and Cagayan de Oro City.
 - Law schools have the discretion to prescribe the PhLSAT score for their admission requirement, provided it is not less than the cut-off or passing score set by the LEB.

Additional testing requirements (essay exam, personal interview, etc.) may also be imposed by law schools.

4. **LEB Memorandum Order No. 8 (Policies, Guidelines and Procedures Governing Increases in Tuition and Other School Fees, and Introduction of New Fees By Higher Education Institutions for the Law Program)**

- Prescribes the requirements that must be complied by higher education institutions intending to increase tuition and other school fees, including new fees, for the law program.
- Law schools intending to increase tuition and other school fees effective SY 2017-2018 should take note of the following dates:
 - February 13 - Deadline for posting and serving notice of the intended adjustment in tuition and other school fees (if holding the consultation on February 28).
 - February 15 - Deadline for submitting to the LEB the schedule of tuition and school fees schedule for AY 2015-2016 and AY 2016-2017.
 - February 28 - Last day for completing consultation.
 - April 15 - Submission of application for increasing tuition and other school fees.

The full text of the above-mentioned regulatory issuances are available from the LEB facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/legal.education.board/>.

For compliance.


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