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LEB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 18

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**For : The Philippine Association of Law Schools
Deans of Law Schools
Prospective Enrollees to the Basic Law Course**

Subject : PHILSAT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR FRESHMEN IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

In the admission of freshmen students in the basic law course this Academic Year 2018-2019, please be advised to comply with the guidelines below:

1. Any applicant who cannot present a valid/unexpired PhiLSAT Certificate of Eligibility or PhiLSAT Exemption Certificate cannot be admitted as a freshman student in the basic law course. These include the following:
 - a. Those who have not taken the PhiLSAT prior to the beginning of the Academic Year 2018-2019;
 - b. Those who have taken the PhiLSAT but did not pass;
 - c. Honor graduates in college with no PhiLSAT Exemption Certificates; and
 - d. Honor graduates in college with expired PhiLSAT Exemption Certificates (graduated in SY 2015-2016 or earlier).
2. Law schools are also no longer allowed to conditional admit or enroll as incoming law freshman student in the basic law course in AY 2018-2019 any those covered by Item 1 above. Such conditional admission was only permitted in AY 2017-2018 as part of the transition adjustments in the initial year of implementation of the Philippine Law School Admission Test.

Further, **the Legal Education Board En Banc voted unanimously during its 88th meeting on June 6, 2018 to deny Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS) Board Resolution No. 2018-02.** The Resolution of the LEB En Banc will be issued as soon as it is signed by all the members

The enrolment and subjects passed by students in the basic law course admitted without PhiLSAT eligibility will not be recognized by the LEB. The admission as freshmen law students in the basic law course without the required PhiLSAT Certificate of Eligibility constitutes a violation of the minimum standards of the law program with corresponding penalty for the offending law school.

3. Pursuant to LEB Memorandum Order No. 7, Series of 2016, law schools may only admit freshmen students in the basic law course an applicant who can present and submit a valid/unexpired PhiLSAT Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or PhiLSAT Exemption Certificate. For purposes of admission of freshmen law students in the AY 2018-2019, these are the following:

1. Those who took and passed the April, 2017 PhiLSAT (45% passing score);
2. Those who took and passed the September, 2017 PhiLSAT (55% passing score);
3. Those who took and passed the April, 2018 PhiLSAT (55% passing score);
4. Honor graduates in college with valid PhiLSAT Exemption Certificates issued by the LEB (graduated in AY 2016-2017 or later).

For the guidance of all concerned.


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