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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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For: PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, ALL DEANS OF LAW SCHOOLS, PROSPECTIVE LAW STUDENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

Subject: ADVISORY ON APRIL 7, 2019 PHILSAT AND CONDITIONAL ENROLMENT FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN/1ST YEAR LAW STUDENTS

In view of the Resolution and the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) issued by the Supreme Court (SC) both on March 12, 2019 in G.R. Nos. 230642 and 242954, the Legal Education Board (LEB) hereby issues the following advisory:

1. The administration of the Philippine Law School Admission Test (PhiLSAT) on April 7, 2019 has not been restrained and will PROCEED as scheduled. The TRO issued by the SC covers only LEB Memorandum Circular (LEBMC) No. 18, Series of 2018, which prohibits the admission/enrolment as freshmen/1st Year students in the basic law course beginning in AY 2018-2019 of those without the required PhiLSAT eligibility. There is no TRO as far as the administration of the PhiLSAT on April 7, 2019.
2. In faithful compliance with the TRO, the following may be conditionally admitted and enrolled as freshmen/1st year students in the basic law course by law schools in the incoming 1st Semester of AY 2019-2020, "under the same terms as LEB Memorandum Order No. 11, Series of 2017"ⁱ:
 - i. Those who have not taken the PhiLSAT
 - ii. Those who have taken the PhiLSAT but did not pass
 - iii. Those who have passed the PhiLSAT but have expired Certificates of Eligibility
 - iv. College honor graduates without Certificates of Exemption
 - v. College honor graduates with expired exemption Certificates of Exemption
3. The requirements and conditions under LEBMO No. 11 that must be complied and observed are the following:
 - A. Requirements
 - i. Accomplish the required UNDERTAKING under oath;
 - ii. File with the LEB an Application for Conditional Enrolment Permit;
 - iii. Pay the prescribed application fee.
 - B. Conditions
 - i. The student shall take the next scheduled PhiLSAT (September, 2019);
 - ii. If the student fails to take the next scheduled PhiLSAT for any reason, his/her conditional enrolment in the law school shall be automatically revoked and barred from enrolling in the following semester;

- iii. If the student takes the next scheduled PhiLSAT but scores below the passing or cut-off score, his/her conditional enrolment shall also be revoked and barred from enrolling in the next semester, unless the law school expressly admits him/her in the exercise of the discretion given under Section/Paragraph 14 of LEBMO No. 7;
 - iv. The student whose conditional enrolment is subsequently revoked shall not be entitled to the reversal of school fees assessed and/or refund of the school fees paid.
4. The conditional admission/enrolment of incoming freshmen/1st year law students is the prerogative of law schools.

March 19, 2019. Quezon City.

By the authority of the Board:


EMERSON B. AQUENDE
Chairman

¹ See March 12, 2019 TRO