



Republic of the Philippines
LEGAL EDUCATION BOARD
Quezon City

Legal Education Board Memorandum Circular
No. 57, Series of 2020

SUBJECT: SPECIAL GUIDELINES ON ADMISSION TO THE BASIC LAW PROGRAM IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Section 1. **Temporary admission regime.** In light of the public health emergency situation, the Legal Education Board Memorandum Order (LEBMO) No. 7 and its related issuances on the Philippine Law School Admission Test (PhiLSAT) are hereby suspended for Academic Year (AY) 2020 – 2021.

1. In place of the PhiLSAT, law schools shall administer their own substitute admission exam to individuals who wish to be admitted into the law program. The substitute admission exam shall be designed to sufficiently measure the preparedness of applicants to enter law studies.
2. If the current public health policies prohibit or make the conduct of the substitute admission exam difficult, the law school may waive the exam requirement. In lieu of the substitute admission exam, the law school waiving it shall implement a retention policy for its first year students admitted in AY 2020-2021.
3. In implementing this Memorandum Circular, all law schools shall submit an admission report with the following components:
 - a. A letter explaining the admission policy to be implemented by the school for AY 2020-2021;
 - b. A copy of the substitute admission exam or exams administered, including its description and design; or, copy of the retention policy to be implemented in lieu of the substitute admission exam; and,
 - c. The list of enrolled students pursuant to this Memorandum Circular.
 - d. The admission report shall be submitted before the end of the first semester of AY 2020-2021.

Section 2. **Conditionally enrolled students.** Subject to the retention policies of the school, students whose admission *prior* to AY 2020-2021 was conditionally made on the taking of the PhiLSAT in the year 2020 shall be considered to have the condition of their admission fulfilled and shall no longer be required to take the exam to have their admission regularized.

1. The students who fall into this category under this Section shall be given a special PhiLSAT eligibility number.
2. In this regard, law schools shall submit to LEB before the end of the first semester of AY 2020-2021 the list of their conditionally enrolled students covered by this provision for the issuance of their special PhiLSAT eligibility number.

Section 3. Enrolled students without PhiLSAT eligibility. Students admitted into the second semester of AY 2019-2020 without the PhiLSAT eligibility shall be deemed regularized, consistent with the admission and retention policies of the admitting schools, provided that:

1. The admitting school submits to LEB a list of the students it admitted without the PhiLSAT requirement and an explanation of such admission before the end of the first semester of AY 2020-2021.
2. When approved by the LEB upon meritorious grounds, the admitted students shall be considered to have been conditionally enrolled *ex post facto*, and shall be regularized pursuant to Section 2 of this Memorandum Circular.

Issued under the seal of the Legal Education Board this 23rd day of April 2020 in Quezon City.

For the Board:


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