

## Department of Education **REGION I**

Republic of the Philippines

### SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

## Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

, s.2025

## LOCALIZING MEMORANDA, ADVISORIES, AND REITERATING THE USE OF THE DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION MANUAL OF STYLES

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors (CID & SGOD) Unit and Section Heads All SDO Proper Personnel

- 1. The Department of Education has developed the DepEd Manual of Style (DMOS) prescribing language style, format, and common usage within the Department through DepEd Order No. 30 s. 2019.
- 2. This aims to inculcate a culture of excellence in the delivery of quality, accessible, relevant and liberating education for the Filipino learners.
- 3. In line with this, this Division reiterates the use of the DMOS, specifically Appendix 5, on the Department of Education Official Issuances and Letters.
- 4. In the creation of a Division issuance, the format to be used must be similar to that of a DepEd Central Issuance.
- 5. The use of footers shall be discouraged. All issuances must comply with the use templates provided in the DMOS.
- 6. Attached here as enclosure is Appendix 5 of the DMOS for guidance.
- 7. For widest dissemination, information, guidance, and strict compliance.



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## Appendix 5

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL ISSUANCES AND LETTERS

**DepEd Issuances** are official documents containing policies, procedures, or information released and signed by the Secretary or other authorized officials. DepEd issuances, like the DepEd Order, DepEd Memorandum, Unnumbered Memorandum, Office Order, Office Memorandum and Advisory vary in their content effect, duration, and activity. For brevity, it is suggested that the titles of DepEd issuances be two lines at most.

A **DepEd Order (DO)** contains policies promulgated by the Central Office, which are general or permanent in nature. It is signed by the Secretary as the *alter ego* of the President. It is department-wide or nationwide in scope, and is usually long-term in nature unless rescinded or amended by another DO.

The DO has 16 elements, as follows:

- The letterhead, which includes the DepEd seal, and the agency name in Old English Text MT;
- 2. Date of release or approval;
- Control number, with year series (s.);
- 4. Title of the DO:
- 5. Officials concerned, policy proponents and implementers, and stakeholders;
- 6. Statement of the policy;
- 7. Objectives of the policy;
- 8. Statement on new provision, repealing, rescinding, or modifying previous provisions;
- Statement of publication and effectivity;
- 10. Closing statement, which directs the dissemination of DO (through the DepEd website) and the strict compliance of all concerned;
- 11. Signature of the Secretary;
- 12. Statement of enclosure/s (if any);
- 13. Related and/or repealed previous issuances used as references;
- 14. Classification in Perpetual Index for easy reference and research;
- 15. Tracer, which includes the initial/name of encoder, file name of DO, assigned tracking number, and date prepared; and
- 16. Footer, which includes the address of DepEd, contact numbers, and website.

## Sample Format of DepEd Order



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# Basic Contents of the Policy Guidelines to be Enclosed to DepEd Order/Office Order

(Based on DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2015 - Establishment of a Policy Development Process at the Department of Education)

#### I. Rationale

Brief background of issue to be addressed Reason/s behind creation of policy Purpose of the policy

#### II. Scope

Coverage of the policy, which may be in terms of subject matter, stakeholders affected, or jurisdiction

### III. Definition of Terms (as applicable)

Meaning of terms as used in the policy, especially if terms are frequently used and are unclear

#### IV. Policy Statement

Principles, rules, or standards that the order seeks to uphold

#### V. Procedures

Steps or instructions, systems or mechanisms for implementing the policy Actors and their roles and responsibilities; timetables (as applicable)

#### VI. Monitoring and Evaluation

Mechanisms, time frame and other provisions for progress monitoring and policy evaluation

#### VII. References

Related and relevant DepEd issuances used as reference for further policy research

### VIII. Effectivity/Transitory Provision (as applicable)

Date or period of application, including interim measures

A **DepEd Memorandum (DM)** disseminates instructions, information, or related matters, including the (i) creation of committees or task forces; (ii) submission of lists or reports; (iii) announcement of celebrations, surveys, holidays, examinations, contests, or results thereof; (iv) conference or seminars conducted by the bureaus, centers, services, units, and divisions; and (v) reiteration of regulations or laws issued by other agencies and departments.

A DM may provide the detailed procedures for implementing established laws or policies of the DepEd or other government agencies. It is signed by the Secretary if it is department-wide in scope, or this is delegated to the Undersecretary of each strand in cases of limited application or for specific application only.

## The DM has 17 elements, as follows:

- The letterhead, which includes the DepEd seal, and the agency name in Old English Text MT;
- 2. Date of release or approval;
- 3. Control number, with year series (s.);
- 4. Title of the DM;
- 5. Officials concerned, policy proponents and implementers, and stakeholders;
- 6. Statement of the activity;
- 7. Objectives of the activity
- 8. Statement of the enclosure in support of the activity;
- Target participants;
- 10. Contact details of project proponent;
- 11. Closing statement, which directs the dissemination of the DM (through the DepEd website);
- 12. Signature of the Secretary;
- 13. Statement of enclosure/s (if any);
- 14. Related and/or repealed previous issuances used as references (if any);
- 15. Classification in Perpetual Index for easy reference and research;
- Tracer, including the initials or name of encoder, file name of DM, assigned tracking number, and date prepared; and
- 17. Footer, which includes the address of DepEd, contact numbers, and website.

## Sample Format of DepEd Memorandum



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A **Memorandum** with Limited Application is similar to a DepEd Memorandum, but is limited only to regions or offices. It is limited in scope.

The 13 elements of a Memorandum are the following:

- The letterhead, which includes the DepEd seal, with the agency name in Old English Text MT;
- 2. Date of release or approval;
- 3. Control number with year series (s.);
- 4. Officials concerned, policy proponents and implementers, and stakeholders;
- 5. Title of the Memorandum;
- 6. Statement of the activity;
- 7. Objectives of the activity;
- 8. Target participants;
- 9. Contact details of the project proponent;
- 10. Closing statement for dissemination of the Memorandum (to regions and divisions concerned through email);
- 11. Signature of the Underecretary of their specific area of concern or strand;
- 12. Tracer, including the initials or name of encoder, file name of UM, assigned tracking number, and date prepared; and
- 13. Footer, which includes the address of DepEd, contact numbers, and website.

## Sample Format of Memorandum with Limited Application



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An **Office Order (OO)** contains operational guidelines, rules, and procedures on matters of internal administration of DepEd's bureaus, centers, units, or offices. It also includes notices of human resource actions or decisions. It is signed by the Secretary or the concerned Undersecretary; Assistant Secretaries; or heads of bureaus, services, or offices. Its concerns are usually limited to a bureau or unit at the Central Office, hence, it only applies to limited officials and staff at the Central Office. Its application is usually short term or temporary.

The 10 elements of an OO are the following:

- 1. The letterhead, which includes DepEd seal, and the agency name in Old English Text MT;
- 2. Date of release or approval;
- 3. Control number with year series (s.);
- 4. Title of the OO;
- 5. Officials concerned, policy proponents and implementers, and stakeholders;
- 6. Statement of the policy;
- 7. Closing statement for the dissemination of the OO (within DepEd Central Office);
- 8. Signature of the Secretary;
- 9. Tracer, which includes the initials or name of encoder, file name of the OO, assigned tracking number, and date prepared; and
- 10. Footer, which includes the address of DepEd, contact numbers, and website.

## Sample Format of Office Order



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An **Office Memorandum (OM)** disseminates instructions or information on officials, personnel, and staff from the Central Office. It is signed by the Secretary or the undersecretary; assistant secretaries; or heads of bureaus, services, or offices concerned. Its concerns are limited to a bureau or unit at the Central Office, hence, it only applies to limited officials and staff at the Central Office. Its application is usually short term or temporary.

### The 11 elements of an OM are the following:

- 1. The letterhead, which includes DepEd seal, and the agency name in Old English Text MT;
- 2. Date of release or approval;
- 3. Title of the OM;
- 4. Officials concerned, policy proponents and implementers, and stakeholders;
- 5. Statement of the activity;
- 6. Objectives of issuing the activity;
- 7. Date and venue of the activity;
- 8. Closing statement for the dissemination of the OM (within DepEd Central Office);
- 9. Signature of the Secretary;
- 10. Tracer, which includes the initials or name of encoder, file name of the OM, assigned tracking number, and date prepared; and
- 11. Footer, which includes the address of DepEd, contact numbers, and website.

## Sample Format of Office Memorandum

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An **Advisory** emanates from organizations and agencies and announces programs or activities; scholarships; and training opportunities for supervisors, school heads, teachers, and learners. Participants may attend such activities on a voluntary basis; hence, traveling expenses and registration fees are charged to personal accounts. Advisory concerns may be department-wide or may be specific in application. Its application is usually short term or temporary.

An advisory is issued in accordance with the procedures of DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2013 titled Policy Guidelines on Regulating the Issuance of DepEd Advisories.

The nine elements are indicated below.

- 1. The letterhead, which includes the following:
  - a. control number with the year series (s);
  - b. date of release or approval;
  - c. in compliance with DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2013;
  - d. the purpose of issuing the Advisory(per DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2001); and
  - e. DepEd website.
- 2. Title
- 3. Statement of the activity
- 4. Objectives of issuing the activity
- 5. Additional information on the activity
- 6. Target participants
- DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 (Time-on-Task Policy), and Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 (Policy on Contributions) and DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 (Policy on Off-Campus Activities), if needed
- 8. Contact details of project proponent
- 9. Tracer, which includes the initials or name of assigned personnel who encoded, file name, assigned tracking number, and date prepared

## Sample Format of an Advisory

Advisory No, s. 2018  January, 2018  In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013  this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,  but only for the information of DepEd officials,  personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.  (Visit www.deped.gov.ph)	
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**Citing Enclosures.** Cite all enclosures in the main text and number these in the order that they are cited. For a single enclosure, state Enclosure to DepEd Order/DepEd Memorandum rather than Enclosure No. 1. For annexes, label these with numbers.

e.g., (Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 2, s. 2013)

(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 63, s. 2015)

**Referencing Style.** Cite reference/s in the main text. These are either DepEd Orders (DO) or DepEd Memorandums (DM) with the number and the year series when these were issued. If the DO or DM was cited in the main text, the number and the year series should be in parenthesis.

e.g.,

DepEd Order (No. 1, s. 2016)

DepEd Memorandum (No.1, s. 2016)

If there is more than one reference, they should be written as follows:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 13 and 19, s. 2016)

DepEd Memorandum: (Nos. 16 and 19, s. 2016)

**Indicating Subjects (under Perpetual Index) for Research Purposes.** Indicate subjects related to the issuance/s for research purposes. Please refer to Appendix 6 on the List of Subjects used in the Perpetual Index, which are arranged alphabetically.

**Perpetual Index to Regulations.** The Perpetual Index is a document containing the list of subjects appropriate to each DepEd regulation/issuance. This is used as a guide for easy research and quick reference to DepEd regulations/issuances.

The Perpetual Index is prepared through indexing the approved DepEd regulation/issuance by subject(s). The subjects are arranged alphabetically while the regulations are done chronologically.

The Perpetual Index applies only to DepEd orders and memorandums. At the end of the year, this is prepared in a bound copy, and is available at the Public Affairs Service-Publications Division for research purposes.

For the list of subjects used in DepEd orders and memorandums, see Appendix 6.

**Assigning Tracking Number.** Accurate recording and knowledge of all requests for DepEd issuances is important so that these can be located quickly and efficiently. Hence, a tracking number assigned to each request and issuance upon receipt is essential. Tracking number starts at 001.

**Indicating Tracer.** The tracer is indicated at the last part of each issuance. It is composed of the initial or name of the assigned encoder, filename and tracking number, followed by the date it was drafted or reformatted by the Publications Division. The title of the issuance is also indicated as file name.

**Tracer.** The tracer is one of the elements of Department issuances. It is found at the lower left-hand corner of the main text, including the reference/s of the DO or DM. This is used for checking whether the approved DepEd regulation/issuance has been amended or rescinded.

### Sample Letter Format

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April 2, 2019

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## Sample Letter Format

(Option 2: Semi-Block)



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April 2, 2019

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## MARIA NARLYN N. EUSORES DMS

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JUAN A. DELA CRUZ Undersecretary

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