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Division MEMORANDUM
 No. 108, s. 2026

To : CID & SGOD - Chief EPS
 ALS Focal Persons
 Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-Charge
 Testing Personnel
 ALS Teachers
 This Division

ORIENTATION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2025 ACCREDITATION & EQUIVALENCY (A&E) TEST

1. Relative to DM OULS-2026-2-079 and DM No. 25, s. 2025, the Department of Education, through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) and SDO Personnel, in coordination with the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), shall administer the 2025 Accreditation & Equivalency (A&E) Test.
2. As stipulated in DO No. 55, s. 2016 (Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program), the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test is designed to evaluate the skills, knowledge, and life competencies of individuals who did not attend or complete formal elementary or secondary schooling. Those who pass the A&E Test are awarded a certificate equivalent to that of an Elementary or Junior High School completer, which is officially recognized by DepEd for use in pursuing further education, employment, or training opportunities.
3. The Accreditation & Equivalency (A&E) Test shall be administered on March 29, 2026, at the following testing centers:
 - Madrid National High School
 - Gamut National High School (Tago)
 - Marihatag Central Elementary School
 - Barobo National High School
 - Hinatuan National Comprehensive High School
 - Cantilan District Jail
 - Lianga District Jail



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4. In line with this, there will be a Virtual Division Orientation on the Administration of the 2025 Accreditation & Equivalency Test for testing personnel, ALS focal persons, and ALS teachers on March 27, 2026 at 9:30 in the morning through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Orientation-AandE-Test-2025>
5. All testing personnel are required to report to their assigned testing venues on March 28, 2026, to prepare the testing rooms. Teaching personnel shall be granted two (2) days of service credit, while non-teaching personnel shall receive three (3) days on compensatory time-off (CTO), in accordance with Order No. 53, 2003, and the CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.
6. Travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against Program Support Fund for NASBE and transportation allowance for ALS teachers subject to the existing accounting rules and regulations.
7. Attached herewith is the approved travel authority for the administration of the 2025 Accreditation & Equivalency Test.
8. Immediate & wide dissemination of this memorandum is highly desired.

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Encl.: as stated
References:

DM OULS-2026-2-079 DM No. 25, s. 2025

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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