



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) 2025 OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH
SCHOOL SYSTEM (DOST-PSHSS)

To : Schools Division Superintendents
SGOD Chiefs
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Please be informed of the enclosed communication from Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff of Office of the Secretary regarding the conduct of the National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2025, the official entrance examination for the PSHS System, the country's premier network of public science high schools.
2. The successful examinees will be granted full STEM scholarships under the PSHS System, which will provide access to advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education.
3. The Schools Division Offices, through the School Heads and concerned personnel, are enjoined to disseminate and advocate the NCE 2025 to all qualified Grade 6 learners from public and private DepEd-recognized elementary schools within their jurisdiction, and to encourage eligible students to apply. Early identification and support for learners with aptitude in Science and Mathematics are vital to national development and innovation. Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
4. The 2025 National Competitive Examination (NCE) offers a full STEM scholarship under the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System for qualified Grade 6 students in DepEd-accredited schools. Applications are open from June 16 to November 7, 2025, with the exam set on January 31, 2026 (Saturday). Apply online at <https://nce.pshs.edu.ph> and visit <https://pshs.edu.ph> for more details.
5. For information and appropriate action.


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TO: PSDSs/ OIC-PSDSs
Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

For information and dissemination.


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Schools Division Superintendent



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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
Assistant Secretary
OIC-Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

FROM : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

MALCOLM S. GARMA
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SUBJECT : **APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) 2025 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM (DOST-PSHSS)**

DATE : July 10, 2025

The Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHSS) is now accepting applications for the **National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2025**. NCE is the official entrance exam for the PSHS System, which is our country's top network of public science high schools. Students who pass will get a full scholarship and a chance to learn advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

In this regard, the Department of Education enjoins all Regional and Schools Division Offices to actively disseminate and advocate the NCE 2025 to qualified Grade 6 learners from public and private DepEd-recognized elementary schools within their jurisdiction. Early identification and encouragement of learners with aptitude in science and mathematics are crucial to national development and innovation.

Key Details of the 2025 NCE:

- Program : Full STEM scholarship under the PSHS System
- Eligibility : Filipino students currently enrolled in Grade 6 at a DepEd-accredited institution and meeting prescribed qualifications
- Application Period : June 16 to November 7, 2025
- Examination Date : January 31, 2026 (Saturday)
- Online Application Portal: <https://nce.pshs.edu.ph>
- Additional Information : <https://pshs.edu.ph> or through the official PSHS Facebook post:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FfNZfgWPn/>

We respectfully request your office's support in ensuring widespread awareness of this opportunity by informing all elementary schools and encouraging eligible students to apply.

Thank you very much.