



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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**CREATION OF THE REGIONAL RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE
NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

To: All Functional Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD), disseminates the DepEd NIR Regional Research Ethics Committee (RREC) as per DO 16, s. 2017 Research Management Guidelines. The following are the members of the DepEd NIR Regional Research Committee:

Designation	Person-in-Charge
Chairperson	Anthony H. Liobet JD, CESO V <i>OIC - Assistant Regional Director</i>
Vice Chairperson	Dr. Serafin G. Fariñas III <i>Chief Education Supervisor Designate, PPRD</i>
Members	G.L. John Haro <i>Chief Education Supervisor Designate, CLMD</i> Dr. Melvin Niñal <i>Chief Education Supervisor Designate, QAD</i> Gauvin Absin <i>Chief Administrative Officer Designate, Finance Division</i> Joey Ian C. Singson, PTRP <i>Education Program Supervisor – Research Designate, PPRD</i>
External Member	Representative from the Academe or Civil Society
Secretariat	Karla P. Antonio <i>Planning Officer III Designate</i> Michelle D. Ozoa <i>Planning Officer III Designate</i>

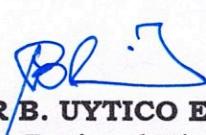


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3. The RREC is tasked to:

- a. examine and verify all research proposals involving human participants (especially learners) to ensure compliance with ethical standards;
- b. grant ethics clearance or exemption certificates for research proposals;
- c. monitor ongoing research for adherence, require modifications or disapprove proposals that pose ethical concerns;
- d. provide guidance on research activities align with DepEd policies;
- e. promote awareness and training on research ethics among DepEd personnel and researchers on ethical considerations in research design and implementation;
- f. maintain records of ethics reviews, decisions, minutes of meetings, and issued clearances required by law; and
- g. facilitate virtual or remote ethics review processes, including secure handling of digital submissions and use of digital signatures.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Regional Director

Encl: as stated
Reference: none

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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