



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION (NIR)

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 174, s. 2026

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION IN ARABIC
LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC STUDIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division Testing Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026, titled **Administration of the Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies**, the testing centers, qualifications, application requirements, and submission, deadlines are stated in the attached Memorandum.
2. For queries, contact John Albert S. Recto, OIC-EPS Quality Assurance Division at johnalbert.recto@deped.gov.ph.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Encl.: As stated
Reference: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ASSESSMENT
CURRICULUM

JAR/QAD-RM- Administration of the Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination for School Year 2025-2026
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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **007**, s. 2026

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION IN ARABIC LANGUAGE
AND ISLAMIC STUDIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. As cited in DepEd Order (DO) No. 41, s. 2017, titled Policy Guidelines on Madrasah Education in the K to 12 Basic Education Program, the **Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS)** is an entry-level examination required for individuals applying to become *asatidz* (a general Arabic term for teachers, historically or traditionally used in most Filipino Muslim communities). This examination intends to gauge the proficiency of test-takers in the Arabic language and knowledge of Islamic studies.

2. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), will administer the QEALIS in the first quarter of 2026 in the schools division offices (SDOs) listed in Table 1 below. The test administration date will be announced in a separate Memorandum.

Table 1. Testing Center of the Examinees Based on Their Region of Origin

Region of Origin of Examinees	Testing Center (Schools Division Office)
I	Ilocos Sur
II	Isabela
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	Baguio City
III	Pampanga
IV-A	Sta. Rosa City
	Cavite City
	Rizal
National Capital Region (NCR)	Makati City
IV-B	Palawan
	Oriental Mindoro
V	Legazpi City

VI	Iloilo City
VII	Cebu City
VIII	Tacloban City
NIR	Bacolod City
	Dumaguete City
IX and BARMM (Basilan and Tawi-Tawi)	Zamboanga City
	Isabela City
	Zamboanga del Norte
	Pagadian City
	Zamboanga Sibugay
X and BARMM (Marawi City and Lanao del Sur)	Iligan City
	Cagayan De Oro City
XI	Davao City
XII and BARMM: Cotabato City and Maguindanao I and II	Cotabato Province
XII	General Santos City
Caraga	Butuan City

The registrants from the region assigned to the testing center shall be prioritized. A registration number shall be assigned to each registrant.

3. The registrants shall possess the following qualifications:
 - a. Filipino citizen aged 18–64 on the examination day, and
 - b. At least a high school graduate in both secular (English) and Islamic (Arabic) Education.
4. The registrants shall submit the following requirements:
 - a. Two copies of the Registration Form (**Enclosure No. 1**) attached with the most recent 1x1 bare-faced identification (ID) picture with a name tag, in accordance with the guidelines of the Civil Service Commission (CSC);
 - b. Authenticated photocopy of the Birth Certificate/Affidavit of Live Birth;
 - c. Photocopy of any valid ID/Barangay Clearance/Certificate of Residency;
 - d. Any of the two:
 - i. Certified True Copy (CTC) of the college Official Transcript of Records (OTR) or diploma; or
 - ii. CTC of valid documents as proof of high school graduation, such as School Form 10 (SF10), Form 137, or diploma; and
 - e. CTC of the diploma or Certificate of Completion as a *Thanawi* graduate.
5. The Division Testing Coordinator (DTC) shall serve as the Chief Examiner (CE) in the designated testing center. The CE shall lead and oversee all the activities before, during, and after the test administration.
6. All Division Madrasah Education Program (MEP) Coordinators, in collaboration with the DTCs, shall facilitate the registration in their scope. Initial screening of the requirements shall be done at the SDOs. Any DepEd personnel who

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are highly skilled in understanding Arabic texts may (be tapped to) assist in evaluating/screening documents presented by the registrants.

7. One copy of the registration form signed by an authorized evaluator shall be returned to the registrants. The said document shall be presented by the registrant on the examination day.

8. The **list of qualified registrants, together with the scanned compilation of registration forms**, shall be submitted to the Regional MEP Coordinator on or before **February 18, 2026**. After the consolidation of lists, the Regional Testing Coordinator (RTC) shall prepare Form 1 (**Enclosure No. 2**) and send it to the BEA-Education Assessment Division through email at bea.ead@deped.gov.ph on or before **February 20, 2026**. The allocation for all testing centers shall be finalized through a consultative meeting with the field MEP coordinators and testing coordinators on **February 24, 2026**.

9. The RTC of the testing centers, in collaboration with the Regional MEP Coordinator, shall release a Regional Memorandum regarding the following details:

- a. List of qualified registrants;
- b. Details about the test administration, such as the identified specific venue and examination schedule of qualified registrants; and
- c. Contact information of the key testing personnel.

The SDOs shall subsequently issue a Division Memorandum in connection with the Regional Memorandum.

10. Prior to the test administration, the registrants and involved testing personnel shall review the materials accessible through this link: **<https://bit.ly/DepEdQEALIS>**. The Google Drive folder accessible via the link shall also be used to post the contact details of point persons for activities and announcements related to the examination.

11. On the day of the test, the registrants shall be required to bring the following:

- a. Registration form signed by the authorized evaluator;
- b. Original copies of the submitted requirements;
- c. Most recent 1x1 bare-faced ID picture with a name tag, in accordance with the guidelines of the CSC; and
- d. Two pencils (No. 2), an eraser, and a sharpener.

12. A test monitor from the DepEd Central Office shall deliver and retrieve the test materials. He/She shall also monitor the test administration.

13. The cut score for the qualifiers shall be determined through standard setting by subject matter experts, curriculum developers, and core implementers of the MEP.

14. A Certificate of Rating (COR) shall be issued to the examinees indicating their individual ratings. Information regarding the release of results shall be disseminated through a separate memorandum.

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15. For inquiries and other concerns, please contact the **Bureau of Education Assessment-Education Assessment Division**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at bea.ead@deped.gov.ph.

16. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:

[Redacted Signature]

CARMELA C. ORACION

Assistant Secretary

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

Encls.:

As stated

References :

DepEd Order (No. 41, s. 2017)

DepEd Memorandum No. 057, s. 2024



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under the following subjects:

EXAMINATION
LANGUAGE
LEARNERS
OFFICIALS

PROGRAMS
REQUIREMENTS
TEACHERS
TEST

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(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026)

Disclosure:	By accomplishing this Registration Form, the registrant hereby consents to the collection, processing and storing of personal data by the Bureau of Education Assessment for the exclusive purpose of facilitating his/her application for the Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS).					
<p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Education BUREAU OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS)</p> <p>REGISTRATION FORM</p>						
Name of Registrant (Pangalan ng Mag-aaral)	Last Name (Apelyido)		First Name (Pangalan)		MI	
Mailing Address						
Email Address	Date of Birth (Petsa ng Kapanganakan) (MONTH/DD/YYYY)	Sex (Kasarian)	Age on March 22, 2026 (edad sa 22 na Marso 2026)	PWD (Y/N) (Paliwanag kung bakit oo/oo hindi)	Contact Number	
Citizenship (Pagkamamamayan)	Date of Registration (Petsa ng Pagrehistro) (MONTH/DD/YYYY)		Highest Educational Attainment (Pinakataas na Aralin na Pinag-aralan)		Background in Islamic Education	
Current Teaching Assignment (Pinagtuturuan sa Kasalukuyan)						
School (Paaralan)		School ID	Division (Dibisyon)		Region (Rehiyon)	
Testing Center where you intend to take QEALIS			Origin of the Registrant (Pangagalingan)			
			Division (Dibisyon)		Region (Rehiyon)	
Cotabato Province - (XII and BARMM: Cotabato City and Maguindanao I and II)						
I hereby declare under oath that I have personally accomplished this Registration Form and that by affixing my name and signature below, I am certifying that all documents attached to this application is a faithful reproduction of the original, and that all statements and information provided therein are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am assuming full responsibility and accountability on the correctness of the details provided and authenticity of the documents submitted. I am aware that any violation will automatically disqualify me and authorize the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) to deny my qualification as a taker of QEALIS.						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Signature over Printed Name of Registrant</p>						
FOR THE EVALUATOR ONLY (Do not answer this part)						
Checklist & Requirements:			Remarks:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate/Affidavit of Live Birth			<input type="checkbox"/> QUALIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT-QUALIFIED			
<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of any valid ID/Barangay Clearance/ Certificate of Residency						
<input type="checkbox"/> College OTR or diploma/ High School SF1D, Form 137 or diploma			Registration Number: _____ (Region-SDO of Registration-Number)			
<input type="checkbox"/> diploma or Certificate of Completion as a Thanawi graduate						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Name & Signature of Evaluator / Date</p>						

1x1 bare-faced ID picture with a name tag

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026)

Disclosure:	By accomplishing this Registration Form, the registrant hereby consents to the collection, processing and storing of personal data by the Bureau of Education Assessment for the exclusive purpose of facilitating his/her application for the Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS).					
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Department of Education
BUREAU OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS)

REGISTRATION FORM

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Current Teaching Assignment (Pinagtuturuan sa Kasalukuyan)							
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Cotabato Province - [XII and BARMM: Cotabato City and Maguindanao I and II]							

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Signature over Printed Name of Registrant

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(Do not answer this part)

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Name & Signature of Evaluator / Date

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