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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**GUIDELINES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUALIFYING
EXAMINATION IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC STUDIES (QEALIS)
IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division Testing Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-114 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems, titled "**Guidelines on the Administration of the Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS) in the First Quarter of 2026.**" Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), will administer the QEALIS on **April 12, 2026**.
2. Regional and Division Madrasah Education Program (MEP) Coordinators, Regional Testing Coordinator (RTC), Division Testing Coordinators (DTCs), Supervising Examiners, and Room Examiners are required to attend a **virtual orientation on March 23, 2026**. Meeting details will be provided to the Regional MEP Coordinators and RTCs.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Encl.: None
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MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026-114

TO : Regional Directors
Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

ATTENTION : Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Testing Coordinators
Regional Madrasah Education Program Coordinators
Division Testing Coordinators
Division Madrasah Education Program Coordinators

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SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC STUDIES (QEALIS) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026**

DATE : March 19, 2026

Pursuant to **DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026** titled **Administration of the Qualifying Examination in Arabic Language and Islamic Studies (QEALIS) in the First Quarter of 2026**, the following are guidelines shall be observed:

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), will administer the QEALIS on **April 12, 2026**.
2. The updated list of testing centers, along with their respective allocations based on the registration data, is presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Updated List of Testing Centers and Allocation

Region of Origin of Examinees	Testing Center (Schools Division Office)	Allocation
I	San Fernando City	10
II	Isabela	25
Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	Baguio City	60
III	Pampanga	57



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Region of Origin of Examinees	Testing Center (Schools Division Office)	Allocation
National Capital Region (NCR)	Makati City	137
IV-A	Sta. Rosa City	40
	Cavite City	40
	Rizal	40
IV-B	Palawan	85
	Oriental Mindoro	5
V	Legazpi City	50
VI	Iloilo City	11
VII	Cebu City	70
VIII	Tacloban City	20
NIR	Bacolod City	20
	Dumaguete City	20
IX and BARMM (Basilan and Tawi-Tawi)	Zamboanga City	1,000
	Isabela City	200
	Zamboanga del Norte	80
	Pagadian City	160
	Zamboanga Sibugay	40
X and BARMM (Marawi City and Lanao del Sur)	Iligan City	2,190
	Cagayan De Oro City	200
XI	Davao City	160
XII and BARMM: Cotabato City and Maguindanao I and II	Cotabato Province	260
XII	General Santos City	460
Caraga	Butuan City	50

Note that there has been a change in the testing center in Region I, from SDO Ilocos Sur to SDO San Fernando City.

Registered individuals residing in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao may take the examination at the designated testing centers listed in the table.

3. Each testing center shall only accommodate registrants as indicated in the allocation. The Registration Number indicated in the Registration Form shall serve as the reference for identifying those who will be accommodated. Registered and qualified individuals who cannot be accommodated in the upcoming QEALIS administration shall be given priority in the next administration.

4. Only the qualified registrants listed in Form 1 (Enclosure No. 2 to the DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026) that the Regional Testing Coordinators (RTCs)



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submitted to BEA shall be accommodated as examinees. Strictly no walk-in registrants will be accommodated on the examination day.

5. Prior to the test administration, a **virtual orientation** shall be conducted on **March 23, 2026**. This orientation shall be attended by the Regional and Division Madrasah Education Program (MEP) Coordinators, RTCs, Division Testing Coordinators, Supervising Examiners, and Room Examiners. Meeting details will be sent to the Regional MEP Coordinators and RTCs.

6. To ensure the orderly administration of the QEALIS, this issuance reiterates Items 9 and 10 of DepEd Memorandum No. 007, s. 2026:

- (9) The RTCs of the testing centers, in collaboration with the Regional MEP Coordinators, shall release a Regional Memorandum regarding the following details:
- List of qualified registrants;
 - Details about the test administration, such as the identified specific venue and examination schedule of qualified registrants; and
 - 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, 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.

For inquiries or 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.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby directed.

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