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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION (NIR)

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 881, s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE STUDY ON TRACING ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY
(A&E) EXAMINEES AND DISSEMINATION OF SURVEY LINKS**

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum BEA-2026-08-2646 dated August 12, 2026, from the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), titled **Conduct of the Study on Tracing Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Examinees and Dissemination of Survey Links**.

2. The Bureau is undertaking this initiative in collaboration with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) to trace A&E test-takers and analyze their subsequent education pathways and employment outcomes.

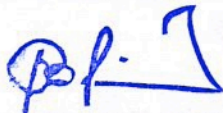
3. In view of this, all Alternative Learning System (ALS) Focal Persons, Assessment Focal Personnel, and Division Testing Coordinators are requested to assist in administering and disseminating the survey within their respective areas of responsibility. Schools' Division Offices shall ensure prompt distribution of the designated survey links to target examinees, to wit:

- **A&E Survey (English):** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJJ7BGN>
- **A&E Survey (Filipino):** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTJ6K6G>

4. The survey will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 30, 2026. All collected information will be subjected to the highest ethical research standards and treated with utmost confidentiality.

5. For queries or clarifications, contact the Bureau of Education Assessment - Office of the Director (BEA-OD) through bea.od@deped.gov.ph.

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


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Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: Memorandum BEA-2026-08-246
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
ACCREDITATION
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM
RESEARCH
SURVEY
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MEMORANDUM
BEA-2026-08- 2646

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

ATTY. BANTUAS LUCMAN
Concurrent Acting Deputy Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher
and Technical Education (MBHTE)

FROM :  **KEVIN CARL P. SANTOS, PhD**
Director IV

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF THE STUDY ON TRACING ACCREDITATION
AND EQUIVALENCY (A&E) EXAMINEES AND DISSEMINATION
OF SURVEY LINKS**

DATE : August 12, 2026

In line with the Department's commitment to produce empowered and employable Filipinos, this Bureau, in collaboration with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), is undertaking a comprehensive study aimed at tracing Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) test-takers to analyze their subsequent education pathways and employment outcomes.

In view of this initiative, this Bureau respectfully **requests the assistance of all ALS focal persons and assessment focal personnel in administering and disseminating the survey** within their respective areas of responsibility. Attached for reference and guidance are the endorsed official letter outlining the background and operational scope of the study. Due to confidentiality concerns regarding the names and Learner Reference Numbers (LRNs), the list of potential employer respondents will be sent directly through the Division Testing Coordinators.

Regional offices and schools division offices are requested to ensure that the designated survey links below are promptly distributed to the target examinees:

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For your appropriate and immediate action.

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Dear **Director Santos**:

Greetings from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Department of Education – Bureau of Education Assessment (DepEd-BEA) for its continued support of the Institute’s policy research initiatives. We deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in the Institute to undertake studies in support of the Bureau’s work. One of our ongoing studies, the “Do Alternative Pathways Work? A Regression Discontinuity Evaluation of the Causal Impact of PEPT and A&E Certification on Educational Persistence in the Philippines,” aims to assess the causal impact of passing the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) and Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test on academic outcomes among out-of-school youth and adults in the Philippines.

In line with this, we kindly seek your support in inviting individuals who took the A&E test to participate in our online survey, which aims to gather information and understand participants’ background, employment experiences, and socioeconomic outcomes after taking the examination. The survey covers key aspects such as employment history and socioeconomic status. It will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed through the following link:

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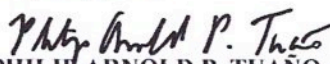
A&E Survey (Filipino): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTJ6K6G>

The form will be available until September 30, 2026, 11:59 PM. Rest assured that the information collected will be subjected to the highest ethical research standards, and all personal information will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

We remain fully committed to supporting DepEd-BEA through our studies. Should you require further information or wish to discuss in more detail, please contact Mr. Erwin Doroteo Justien C. Daga or Ms. Dianne Stephanie A. Gavan at 8877-4000 or via email at edaga@pids.gov.ph / dgavan@pids.gov.ph.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Very truly yours,



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Annex A. Survey Link QR Codes

A&E Survey (English): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJJ7BGN>



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Annex B. List of Potential A&E Employment Survey Respondents *(Kindly see the attached Excel File)*

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