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PEAC National Capital Region Program Coordinators and Officers as they take a pose for a Photo-OP during the CHED-PEAC Update on Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) Program held on August 8,

Last August 8, 2019, a conference was held at St. Paul University—Manila to provide a general orientation on the Tertiary Education Subsidy Program (TES) for higher education schools, institutions and universities which are interested to enlists as a provider of TES. Said program were co-sponsored by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine Education

The Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) is in pursuance of Republic Act 10931 otherwise known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. The law intends to make tertiary education more accessible by providing adequate funding to increase participation rates in tertiary education; it likewise aims to provide students access to both public and private education



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students who are academically able and come from poor families. The law was enacted by the 17th Congress on August 2, 2017. It is in keeping with the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels.

Recognizing the need to make higher education more accessible and equitable to many Filipinos, AIDE enlisted to be one of the recognized providers of the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) to help indigent indi-

### PROGRAMS UNDER RA 10931

- ◆ **Free Higher Education in SUCs and LUCs**
  - Students enrolled in any post-secondary TVET leading to non-degree certificate or diploma programs in any state-run TVIs under TESDA are exempt from paying tuition and other school fees for units they are enrolled in

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Two of AIDE officials, Mrs. Tess Alcuaz, the Head of AIDE Finance and Administration and Dr. Cecilia J. Sabio, the Head of Academic Affairs, attended the said conference to know more about the mechanics, procedures and specific requirements of the said program.

The TES for private higher education institutions (HEIs) is said to attain the following:

- Objective is to support the cost of education or portion thereof to Filipino students enrolled in undergraduate post-secondary programs of SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs

- Prioritization shall be given to students in the following order:

- Students who are part of households included in the Listahanan2.0, ranked according to the estimated per capita household income; and

- Students not part of the Listahanan2.0, ranked according to estimated per capita household income based on submitted documentation of proof of income

- Prioritization shall not apply to students in cities and municipalities with no existing



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The TES is administered by the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board.

AIDE, on its part, will start finding scholars and deserving students to receive the TES beginning January 2020. This is to help the government attain its goal of widening student access to quality higher education, thereby making education more equita-

### PROGRAMS UNDER RA 10931

- ♦ **Free TVET in Post Secondary TVIs**
  - Students enrolled in any post-secondary TVET leading to non-degree certificate or diploma programs in any state-run TVIs under TESDA are exempt from paying tuition and other school fees for units they are enrolled in

### PROGRAMS UNDER RA 10931

- ♦ **Student Loan Program**
  - All Filipino students enrolled in a SUC, LUC, private HEI, and TVET programs in all TVIs registered under TESDA may avail of the program
    - Loan repayment shall be through SSS or GSIS and shall commence once the beneficiary secures gainful employment

# The TES Program for Private HEIs

## Qualified Students

Private HEIs in Cities/Municipalities with SUCs/LUCs

- Student must be in the Listahanan 2.0 of DSWD
  - Listahanan 2.0 is an information management system that identifies poor households and their locations

Private HEIs in Cities/Municipalities with no SUCs/LUCs

- All Filipino students qualify for TES provided they are residents of the city/municipality with no SUCs/LUCs

*Source: PEAC, 2019*

## The TES Program

### Subsidies for Qualified Students Enrolled in PHEIs

Maximum total subsidy for TES-1 and TES-2 per academic year is Php60,000

TES-1

- Provides tuition and other fees subsidies to qualified students in PHEIs

TES-2

- Provides allowance for books, transportation, and other day-to-day educational expenses to the TES Grantee

*Source: PEAC, 2019*



# The TES Program

## Subsidies for Qualified Students Enrolled in PHEIs (Cont.)

### TES-3A

- Provides allowance to qualified students with disabilities
- Php30,000 per academic year

### TES-3B

- Support to students in a program requiring professional license or certification
- Php10,000 one-time cost of obtaining the first professional credential or qualification

PHEIs get **3%** administrative fee depending on the total amount of TES billed for the academic year

*Source: PEAC, 2019*

## PEAC ROLE IN TES PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

ORIENTATION

PROCESSING OF  
BILLING  
STATEMENTS

MONITORING

RESOLVING  
CASES OF  
SCHOOLS WITH  
ADVERSE FINDINGS

REGULAR  
MEETINGS AND  
CONSULTATIONS  
WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS

RESEARCH AND  
DATA  
GATHERING