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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

March 9, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUMNo. 171, s. 2026**ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2025 ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY
(A&E) TEST**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary/Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In compliance with DepEd Memorandum No. 100, s. 2025, concerning the Administration of the 2025 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division, announces that the 2025 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test shall be conducted on March 29, 2026, at the following testing centers:
 - a. Magalang Elementary School, San Nicolas 1, 227 J. Feliciano, Magalang, Pampanga
 - b. DSWD Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth, Ayala, Magalang, Pampanga
 - c. DSWD Haven for Girls Pampanga, San Vicente, Magalang, Pampanga
 - d. Arayat District Jail, Plazang Luma West, Arayat, Pampanga
 - e. Mexico Elementary School, Sto Cristo, Mexico, Pampanga
 - f. Betis National High School, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga
 - g. Guagua District Jail, San Vicente Ebus, Guagua, Pampanga
 - h. Pampanga Provincial Jail, Sta Lucia Santo Niño Viejo Rd, San Fernando, Pampanga
 - i. San Matias Elementary School, Paralaya, Santo Tomas, Pampanga
 - j. Mitla Elementary School, San Jose Mitla, Porac, Pampanga
2. The Accreditation and Equivalency Tests (A&E Tests) are nationally administered tests that aim to measure the competencies and life skills of those who have not attended or finished the formal elementary or secondary education. These assessments will allow the learners to obtain certification of completion at different exits in Basic Education, which may be used to access further education, job promotion, entry to job training, and employment.
3. Only the registered applicants with complete requirements shall be allowed to take the A&E Test at the designated testing centers approved by the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA). No walk-in A&E takers shall be accommodated.
4. This is the timeline of activities that must be strictly followed in the preparation of the assessment program, including the teachers and personnel who will assist in the activities.



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Activity/Venue	Date/Time Frame	Persons Involved
Online Orientation on the Administration of the 2025 A&E Test	March 10, 2026 Tuesday (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	SDS CID Chief EPSvr-DTC EPSvr-ALS Education Program Specialists Chief Examiners Room Supervisors Room Examiners Support Staff/TWGs
Preparation, Allocation, and Distribution of Test Materials TTC, SDO Pampanga	March 27, 2026 Friday (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	EPSvr-DTC EPSvr-ALS Education Program Specialists Select District Testing Coordinators TWG
Retrieval of the Test Materials TTC, SDO Pampanga	March 29, 2026 Sunday (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	EPSvr-DTC EPSvr-ALS Education Program Specialists Select District Testing Coordinators TWG

- All teaching personnel who render services during the registration process and administration of the assessment, which may fall on weekends, holidays, or special non-working days are entitled to service credits in accordance with DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024, on the *Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*. On the other hand, non-teaching personnel shall be provided with Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) in accordance with Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004, on *Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered*.
- Attached is the DepEd Memorandum No. 100, s. 2025, for your reference and guidance.
- Travel expenses and other incidental expenses for the teaching personnel shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- The lists of the testing personnel involved in the assessment, the assigned monitoring team, and the technical working groups who will serve during the preparation, administration, reporting, and evaluation of the activity can be accessed through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2025AandETest>
- For inquiries and concerns, you may contact Garry L. Pangan, Education Program Supervisor and Division Testing Coordinator (DTC), at garry.pangan001@deped.gov.ph or 0939-905-5702, and Ruel F. Bondoc,



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Education Program Supervisor in charge of the Alternative Learning System (ALS),
at ruel.bondoc@deped.gov.ph or 0917-521-6206.

10. This memorandum shall serve as the official travel authority for all testing personnel involved in the activities related to the administration of the 2025 A&E Test.

11. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is highly anticipated.

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **100**, s. 2025

**2025 ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY TEST REGISTRATION
AND ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES**

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA), in coordination with the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), announces the registration period for and administration of the **2025 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test**.
2. In reference to DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016 (Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program), the A&E Test aims to measure the competencies and life skills of Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners in elementary or junior high school (JHS). This assessment shall allow ALS learners to obtain certification of completion in basic education, which may be used to access further education, job promotion, entry to job training, and employment.
3. The timeline for the implementation of the 2025 A&E Test is provided below. The regional and division testing personnel, as well as the ALS focal persons, are reminded to strictly adhere to the timeline.

Activity	Timeline
Orientation for the Test Registration Team	3rd week of September 2025
A&E Test Registration period	September 29–November 21, 2025
Submission of Enclosure Nos. 3 and 4 by the division testing coordinators (DTCs) and division ALS focal persons to the regional testing coordinators (RTCs) and regional ALS focal persons	November 24, 2025
Submission of validated and consolidated Enclosure No. 4 per schools division office (SDO) by the RTCs and regional ALS focal persons to	November 28, 2025

BEA	
National orientation for the administration of the 2025 A&E Test	To be announced in a separate advisory
2025 A&E Test Administration	March 1, 2026

4. The A&E Test applicants shall register at the SDOs identified and designated as registration centers by the schools division superintendent (SDS).
5. The following are eligible to register:
 - a. ALS learners enrolled in the Learner Information System (LIS) for school year (SY) 2025–2026 on or before **October 31, 2025**;
 - b. Previous ALS program completers who are not registered in the LIS of the current SY and have not taken either the **Presentation Portfolio Assessments (PPA)** or the **A&E Test**;
 - c. Previous ALS program completers who are not registered in the LIS for the current SY and have not passed either the **PPA** or the **A&E Test** but have undergone additional learning interventions under the ALS K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC), as certified by the ALS teacher, community ALS implementer, or learning facilitator (Enclosure No. 2).
6. Applicants shall be at least **12 years old for the A&E elementary level** and at least **16 years old for the A&E JHS level on or before the examination day**.
7. Registration requirements are as follows:
 - a. **Original and one photocopy** of the birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), formerly the National Statistics Office (NSO). A copy of the birth certificate will serve as an essential requirement for document evaluation.

The original copy shall be used to evaluate and verify the document's authenticity. After the evaluation and verification are completed, the original copy will be returned to the applicant.
 - b. If the copy of the birth certificate from the PSA/NSO is not available, the **original and one photocopy** of any of the following documents can be presented:
 - i. Baptismal Certificate;
 - ii. Voter's ID (with picture, signature, and date of birth);
 - iii. Valid Passport;
 - iv. Valid Driver's License; and
 - v. Any legal document bearing the applicant's picture, name, signature, and date of birth (e.g., National Bureau of Investigation [NBI] Clearance, Police Clearance)

The original copy shall be used to evaluate and verify the document's authenticity. After the evaluation and verification are completed, the original copy will be returned to the applicant.

- c. 1x1 identical ID photo (white background with name tag)
- d. **Original and one photocopy** of ALS Form (AF) 5 prepared by the ALS teacher, community ALS implementer, or learning facilitator, certified correct by the division ALS focal person. This requirement applies to program completers who have not taken the PPA or A&E Test (**item 5b**).
- e. **Original and one photocopy** of PPA result evaluated by the Education Program Specialist II for ALS (EPSA) or Certificate of Rating (COR) issued by the BEA. This requirement applies to program completers who did not pass the PPA or A&E Test (**item 5b**).

The original copy shall be used to evaluate and verify the document's authenticity. After the evaluation and verification are completed, the original copy will be returned to the applicant.

8. **No payment shall be collected** for the A&E Test Registration, Administration, and issuance of the COR.

9. The SDS, through the DTC and division ALS focal person, shall assign personnel to perform the functions listed below. All personnel assigned shall have a **very satisfactory** rating in their **Individual Performance Commitment and Review Form** from the most recent rating period. Moreover, selected personnel should not have any records of violations related to national examination policies.

a. **Test Registration**

- i. The division ALS focal person or the EPSA shall serve as the test registration officer (TRO). The DTC shall oversee the registration process and evaluation of the A&E test applicants' documents. Support staff shall be assigned by the DTC if necessary.

b. **Test Administration**

- i. **Monitoring Team (MT)**. The MT shall be comprised of representatives from the Central Office (CO), regional offices (ROs), and SDOs of the Department. The receiving SDOs shall provide assistance to the monitoring team.

(1) Monitors from the CO will include representatives from the BEA and the BAE.

(2) Monitors from the ROs will include RTCs, regional ALS focal persons, and other regional representatives as determined by the regional directors.

(3) Monitors from the SDOs will include DTCs, division ALS focal persons, and other division representatives as determined by the SDS.

ii. **Testing Team (TT).** The TT will include chief examiners, roving proctors, room examiners, and support staff. The descriptions of their functions during the test administration are as follows:

(1) **Chief Examiners (CE).** The school head of the identified testing center shall be assigned as the CE. If the identified testing centers are district, city, and municipal jails, the DTC shall coordinate with the Jail Administrator's Office to determine the CE.

(2) **Roving Proctors (RP).** The school head of the identified testing center shall assign regular/permanent teachers (Teacher I-III, Head Teacher I-IV, Master Teacher I-III, and/or ALS Teachers) to serve as roving proctors.

(3) **Room Examiners (RE).** The school head of the identified testing center shall assign regular/permanent teachers (Teacher I-III, Head Teacher I-IV, Master Teacher I-III, and/or ALS Teachers) to serve as REs.

(4) **Support Staff (SS).** Regular/permanent teaching, teaching-related, or nonteaching DepEd personnel may be assigned to assist the DTC and CE in the overall monitoring and implementation of the A&E Test.

10. The BEA will conduct an orientation for the test registration team a week before the registration period starts. Details of the orientation will be provided in a separate advisory. BEA, in coordination with BAE, shall lead the onsite monitoring of the test registration process and evaluation of the A&E Test applicant's documents.

11. All DTCs and division ALS focal persons shall orient the test registration personnel on the registration procedures and guidelines for evaluating applicants' documents. **All DTCs and division ALS focal persons shall ensure that the age and documentary requirements are strictly followed.**

12. The ALS implementers shall help in the dissemination of information and distribution of the registration forms. The DTCs shall manage the production of the test registration forms, with assistance from the ALS implementers. Expenses incurred during the production of the said forms shall be charged to the Program Support Funds (PSF), First Tranche under the National Assessment System for Basic Education (NASBE), FY 2024 Continuing Funds.

13. The regional ALS focal persons and RTCs shall use Enclosure No. 4 in preparing the list of testing centers with the total number of test registrants per level. A copy of this report in portable document format (PDF) shall be submitted to BEA through a OneDrive link on or before **November 28, 2025**. The OneDrive link will be provided in a separate advisory. Furthermore, **all ALS focal persons and testing coordinators must submit the required documents and adhere to the timeline indicated in item 3 of the guidelines.**

14. The **PPA** is required for ALS learners to qualify for the 2025 A&E Test. It shall be conducted prior to the administration of the A&E Test.

15. The following enclosures shall guide and be utilized by the DTCs and TROs:

- a. **Enclosure No. 1** - Registration form to be accomplished personally by the applicant;
- b. **Enclosure No. 2** - Certification of Additional Intervention to be issued and certified by the ALS teacher; community ALS implementer, or learning facilitator;
- c. **Enclosure No. 3** - List of Registrants to be accomplished by the DTCs and division ALS focal persons; and
- d. **Enclosure No. 4** - List of Testing Centers to be accomplished by the RTCs and regional ALS focal persons.

16. Only the registered applicants with complete requirements and who have passed the PPA shall be allowed to take the A&E Test at the testing centers duly approved by the BEA. **Walk-in A&E test takers shall not be accommodated.**

17. The BEA shall conduct a national orientation on and monitoring of the administration of the 2025 A&E Test. The BAE personnel shall join the national orientation and monitoring of test administration to provide assistance whenever necessary. The details of the national orientation will be provided in a separate advisory.

18. A week before the examination, all DTCs and division ALS focal persons are required to orient all testing personnel (preferably in-person orientation) on the standardized test administration. Only those who attended the orientation shall be allowed to serve as testing personnel.

19. Only testing personnel and test monitors approved by DepEd officials specified in the A&E Examiner's Handbook are allowed in the testing center premises during the examination day. The A&E Examiner's Handbook shall be provided after the national orientation on the administration of the 2025 A&E Test.

20. The SDS shall be required to investigate any breach of security should there be irregularities found in test registration or administration. The investigation report shall be submitted to the DepEd RO, and a copy furnished to the BEA.

21. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 076, s. 2018 (Change in the Passing Score of the 2016 A&E Test from 75% to 60%), the previous A&E test cycles, the Department adopted the passing score of 60% for the 2025 A&E test for the overall test score at both the elementary and JHS levels. Examinees who meet the required minimum score may enroll for grade 7 or ALS JHS, or grade 11 or ALS senior high school, depending on the level of test taken.

22. For more information, 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 or at telephone number (02) 8631-2589.

23. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:




ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

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As stated

References:

DepEd Order Nos. 017, s. 2025 and (55, s. 2016)
DepEd Memorandum Nos. 063, s. 2024; 006, s. 2019; (076, s. 2018);
and 11, s. 2017

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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TEST

A&E Form 1	Test Registration Officer's Copy	
1x1 ID Photo with Name Tag	Republic of the Philippines Department of Education BUREAU OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT 2nd Flr., Bonifacio Bldg., Meralco Ave., Pasig City 1600	Level <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School
ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (A&E) TEST Registration Form		
Directions: Please complete this form in UPPERCASE LETTERS. Indicate your answer by marking (X) on the applicable items.		
Last Name		Registration Date
First Name		M.I.
Birthdate Month Day Year	Learner Reference Number	Civil Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated
Home Address		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Region	Division	Learning Center
ALS Program Enrolled/ Completed (Pls. Specify)		A&E Test Applying for <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Level (EL) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School (JHS) Level
Last Grade Level Completed		To be accomplished by the Test Registration Officer
Contact Number	Name and Address of Testing Center	
I certify that I validated the information supplied by the applicant in this form based on the required attachments.	I certify that all information in this form are TRUE and CORRECT.	
Registration Officer's Signature Over Printed Name	Applicant's Signature Over Printed Name	
Required Attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Identity <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Birth (NSO, Passport, Any legal Documents)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certification of Additional Intervention (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> ALS Form (AF) 5 COR PPA Result (if any)
A&E Form 1	Applicant's Copy	
1x1 ID Photo with Name Tag	Republic of the Philippines Department of Education BUREAU OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENT 2nd Flr., Bonifacio Bldg., Meralco Ave., Pasig City 1600	Level <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School
ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (A&E) TEST Registration Form		
Directions: Please complete this form in UPPERCASE LETTERS. Indicate your answer by marking (X) on the applicable items.		
Last Name		Registration Date
First Name		M.I.
Birthdate Month Day Year	Learner Reference Number	Civil Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated
Home Address		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Region	Division	Learning Center
ALS Program Enrolled/ Completed (Pls. Specify)		A&E Test Applying for <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Level (EL) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High School (JHS) Level
Last Grade Level Completed		To be accomplished by the Test Registration Officer
Contact Number	Name and Address of Testing Center	
I certify that I validated the information supplied by the applicant in this form based on the required attachments.	I certify that all information in this form are TRUE and CORRECT.	
Registration Officer's Signature Over Printed Name	Applicant's Signature Over Printed Name	
Required Attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Identity <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Birth (NSO, Passport, Any legal Documents)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certification of Additional Intervention (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> ALS Form (AF) 5 COR PPA Result (if any)



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CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION

This is to certify that
_____ with LRN
(Given Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Extension Name)
_____ of _____ is a/an
(CLC Name)
_____ ALS PROGRAM COMPLETER in the Learners
(Elementary or Junior High School)
Information System (LIS) of SY _____.

He/She underwent additional intervention in the ALS K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC).

This certification is issued as part of the registration requirements for the 2025 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test.

Certified by:

ALS Teacher/Community ALS Implementer/Learning Facilitator
Signature over Printed Name
Date: _____



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**2025 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test
 List of Registrants**

Testing Center: _____ Address: _____
 Region: _____ Division: _____ A&E Test Level: _____

Sex	Number of Registrants	Learners with Disabilities (LWDs)
Male		
Female		
Total		

No.	Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Age	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	Sex (M/F)	Documents Submitted (Check the appropriate Column)			
					Birth Certificate	Proof of Birthdate	Certificate of Additional Intervention	AF5/COR/PPA Result
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