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## **More Filipino students can avail free higher education with 27 newly CHED-recognized LUCs**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has approved the inclusion of twenty-seven (27) additional Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) to implement the Free Higher Education (FHE) and Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) programs of Republic Act No. 10931, known as Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act starting Academic Year 2019-2020.

Under Section 3 of RA 10931, LUCs must be compliant with the policies, standards and guidelines of the CHED in order to be included in the coverage of the law. These LUCs were evaluated by the Commission and have obtained institutional recognition or full program compliance of CHED policies and standards.

“The Commission is committed to fully implement RA 10931 to increase access to higher education so that more Filipino students, particularly those coming from the poor families, can go to college with government support,” said CHED and Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Governing Board Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III.

As the centerpiece social legislation of the Duterte Administration, there are currently a total of 76 LUCs that are eligible for FHE: fifty-three (53) in Luzon, nine (9) in Visayas, and fourteen (14) in Mindanao.

The addition of 27 LUCs will increase the number of public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for incoming AY 2019-2021 to 111 that will implement FHE. The National Capital Region has the highest number of CHED-recognized LUCs with 7 additional public HEIs.

The 523rd Joint Management Committee and Commission en Banc (CEB) Meeting of CHED approved the list of institutions recommended by its Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance (OIQAG), subject to the existing laws, policies, guidelines and implementing rules and regulations governing the programs under RA 10931.

Under the CEB Resolution No. 247-2019, the 27 newly CHED-recognized LUCs are the following:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Name of HEI</b>
NCR	Dr. Filemon C. Aguilar Memorial College of Las Piñas
	Navotas Polytechnic College
	City of Malabon University
	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig
	Valenzuela City Polytechnic College
	Pateros Technological College
	Taguig City University
III	Gordon College
IV	One Cainta College
V	Tiwi Community College
VI	Bacolod City College
	Mandaue City College
	Cordova Public College
	Talisay City College
	Madridejos Community College
VII	Consolacion Community College
	Lapu-Lapu City College
	Talibon Polytechnic College
	Burauen Community College
VIII	Abuyog Community College
	Colegio De Las Navas Community College of Gingoog City
X	El Salvador City College

Salay College of Arts and Sciences

Tubod College

Don Carlos Polytechnic College

XI Sto. Tomas College of Agriculture Sciences and Technology

The FHE provision covers all Filipino students who are either currently enrolled at the time of its effectivity, or shall enroll at any time thereafter, in courses leading to a bachelor's degree in any State Universities and Colleges and CHED-recognized LUCs.

“CHED will continue to monitor the compliance of these LUCs with respect to their operation as an HEI and the offering of programs, and assist them as needed to ensure that they will provide quality education,” De Vera said.

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