



Press Release

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CHED assists private HEIs in BARMM to qualify for Free Higher Education

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is helping seventeen (17) private higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to be included in the CHED Registry to benefit from the programs under Republic Act 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Law.

These 17 private HEIs (see attached list) and their offered programs were found to be compliant with all the policies, standards, and guidelines of CHED in Academic Year 2020-2021 and have been given the Certificate of Government Recognition (COPC).

“BARMM remains to have the highest poverty incidence across regions and the pandemic just worsened the situation. That is why we are assisting these HEIs to be included immediately in the validation for qualified Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) beneficiaries. Access to free and quality tertiary education will continue to be offered to our disadvantaged Filipino students by giving them additional funds that will help them cope with the health crisis and cover not only their educational needs but even their living expenses,” said CHED and UniFAST Board Chairman Popoy De Vera.

While these private HEIs already have government recognition, they have yet to pass an evaluation by the CHED Regional Office before making it to the CHED Registry of Programs. UniFAST then issues the credentials to the HEI to access the TES Portal, where they would submit information of their enrolled students for the validation and verification process.

Programs offered by Valdez Mother and Child (VMC) Asian College Foundation, a private school in Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat, is one of the newest additions to the CHED Registry.

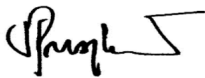
“As we pursue our efforts in reconfiguring the higher education in the Bangsamoro, we are confident that CHED, under the strong leadership of Chairman Popoy De Vera, will continue to extend its support and assistance to help improve the delivery of our higher education services in the region,” said

Higher Education Director General Marjuni Maddi of the Bangsamoro Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE).

“On top of what the CHED is doing for the student grantees of UniFAST and other scholarship programs of the government, we are also grateful for the HECBOL Project. It has provided us a vibrant platform for collaboration and network, as evidenced by a good teamwork and partnership during the assessment and evaluation of VMC Asian College Foundation,” he added.

The evaluation process of the abovementioned HEIs is conducted together with CHED Region XII, Region IX and MBHTE. CHED continues to assist the other private HEIs in BARMM so that students enrolled in these schools may avail themselves of the benefits of the TES and Student Loan Program (SLP).

For Academic Year 2020-2021, more than 42,709 students in state universities and colleges (SUCs) in BARMM are benefiting from free higher education (FHE) while the first year of implementation of the TES Program in AY 2018-2019 registered 10,965 TES grantees both for public and private HEIs in the region. The number increased to 17,967 in AY 2019-2020 and has jumped to 19,876 for AY 2021-2022.



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No.	Name of Private Higher Education Institution	Programs
1	Asma Khadijah Islamic Academy	Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Criminology
2	Binnor Pangandaman Integrated College	Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English / Mathematics/ Filipino, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
3	East-West Mindanao College	Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Commerce Major in Banking and Finance, Bachelor of Commerce Major in Management, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English/ Filipino/ General Science/ History/ MAPEH/ Mathematics/ Technology and Livelihood Education
4	Iqra Development Academy	Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
5	Jamiatu Dansalan Al-Islamia Foundation	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Midwifery, Bachelor of Secondary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
6	Lamitan Technical Institute	Bachelor of Science in Midwifery, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Major in Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Elementary Education
7	Maranao Islamic Institute-Ma'had Maranao Al-Islamie	Bachelor of Arts in Shariah

8	Mindanao Integrated Academy	Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Social Work
9	Muslim Mindanao Integrated College Academy	Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Islamic Studies, Bachelor of Elementary Education
10	Philippine Last Frontier College (IPHO-Daera St., Bongao, Tawi-Tawi)	Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Bachelor of Science in Hotel & Restaurant Management, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation, Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering
11	Philippine Last Frontier College (Mapun, Cagayan de Tawi-Tawi, Tawi-Tawi)	Bachelor of Elementary Education
12	Philippine Last Frontier College (Tabawan, South Ubian, Tawi-Tawi)	Bachelor of Elementary Education
13	Philippine Last Frontier College (Ungus, Matata, Tandubas, Tawi-Tawi)	Bachelor of Elementary Education
14	Tamparan Populace Islamic College	Bachelor of Elementary Education Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English/ Mathematics/ Filipino, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
15	Tawi-Tawi Criminal Justice College	Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Social Work

16	Universal College Foundation of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (Buli Buli, Sumisip Basilan)	Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Bachelor of Science in Culinary Arts, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, Bachelor of Science in Midwifery, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
17	Universal College Foundation of Southeast Asia and the Pacific (Brgy. Matibay, Lamitan City)	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Bachelor of Science in Technical Vocational Teaching Education, Bachelor of Science in Midwifery, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Bachelor Science in Social Work, Bachelor of Science in Culinary Arts, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting