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Regional GAS Focal Persons
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private School Heads
All Others Concerned

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**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION CLARIFICATIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF
THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD UNDER
DEPED ORDER NO. 11, S. 2026**

In view of the issuance and ongoing implementation of **Department of Education (DepEd) Order (DO) No. 011, s. 2026** or the **Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE)**, and in response to implementation issues, queries, and requests for clarification raised by stakeholders, the DepEd hereby issues this clarificatory memorandum to provide guidance on the implementation of the household income eligibility threshold. This memorandum is issued pursuant to Government Assistance and Subsidies Composite Team (GCT) Resolution No. 1, s. 2026, to ensure the uniform interpretation, consistent application, and proper implementation of the provisions of the said policy.

Accordingly, the following implementation clarifications shall be observed:

A. Household-Size Adjustment

Consistent with the technical clarification provided by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the published monthly household income thresholds under the **PIDS 2023 Income Classes**, which are based on a **reference household of five (5) members**, shall be proportionally adjusted using the following formula:

$$\text{Adjusted Household Income Threshold} = \text{Published Household Income Threshold} \times (\text{Actual Household Size} \div 5)$$

Illustrative computations on the application of the household-size adjustment are attached as Annex A.

B. Computation of Income for Contractual Seafarers and Other Contract-Based Overseas Workers

For contractual seafarers and other overseas workers whose employment covers only a portion of the year, the gross income earned during the applicable twelve (12)-month reference period shall be averaged over twelve (12) months to determine the equivalent monthly household income for eligibility assessment using the following formula:

$$\textbf{Equivalent Monthly Household Income} = \textbf{Gross Income Earned During the Contract Period} \div 12$$

The resulting equivalent monthly household income shall be compared with the applicable monthly household income threshold under the PIDS Income Classification. Where the household consists of more than five (5) members, the applicable threshold shall first be adjusted using the approved proportional household-size adjustment methodology. Illustrative computations are provided in Annex A.

For purposes of implementation, the foregoing household income thresholds based on the PIDS Income Classification Framework shall apply for School Year 2026–2027. The proportionate household-size adjustment prescribed herein shall likewise be adopted for households with more than five (5) members unless subsequently modified by an official update or issuance from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

These implementation clarifications shall remain in force until superseded by a subsequent DepEd issuance or until the full operationalization of the prioritization and targeting mechanisms under Section 9 of DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2026.

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as amending the provisions of DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2026. This issuance merely provides implementation guidance to ensure the consistent application of the household income eligibility provisions pending the full operationalization of the prioritization and targeting mechanisms under the said Order.

This clarification is issued to provide a uniform reference for all E-GASTPE participating schools in the assessment of household income classifications and to ensure consistency in program beneficiary prioritization and program targeting.

All Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, Regional Program Committees (RPCs), Regional GAS Focal Persons, and participating private schools are directed to ensure the proper dissemination and implementation of this Memorandum.

Should you have questions or further clarifications, you may contact **Government Assistance and Subsidies – Policy Review and Development Division (GASS-PRDD)** through email at gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph or through mobile number at **(+63) 9606723086**.

For reference and guidance.

Annex A

1. Household Size Adjustment:

Formula: ***Published Household Income Threshold*** × (***Household Size*** ÷ 5)

Example:

Household Size	Adjustment Factor	Adjusted Household Income Threshold
5	$5 \div 5 = 1.0$	P97,111
6	$6 \div 5 = 1.2$	P116,533
7	$7 \div 5 = 1.4$	P135,955
8	$8 \div 5 = 1.6$	P155,378
9	$9 \div 5 = 1.8$	P174,800
10	$10 \div 5 = 2.0$	P194,222

2. Computation of Income for Contractual Seafarers and Other Contract-Based Overseas Workers

Formula: ***Equivalent Monthly Household Income*** = ***Gross Income Earned During the Contract Period*** ÷ 12

Illustrative Example 1 – Household Income Within the Applicable Threshold

Household Size: 5 members
Contract Duration: 6 months
Gross Income Earned During the Year: P648,000
Equivalent Monthly Household Income: $P648,000 \div 12 = P54,000/\text{month}$
Applicable Monthly Threshold (5 members): P97,111
Result: Qualified, since P54,000 is below the applicable threshold.

Illustrative Example 2 – Household Income Exceeding the Applicable Threshold

Household Size: 6 members
Contract Duration: 8 months
Gross Income Earned During the Year: P1,560,000
Equivalent Monthly Household Income: $P1,560,000 \div 12 = P130,000/\text{month}$
Adjusted Monthly Threshold (6 members): $= P97,111 \times (6 \div 5) = P116,533$
Result: Not Qualified, since P130,000 exceeds the adjusted threshold.