



OBE 2019
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND
SUBSIDIES PROGRAMS
Frequently Asked Questions(FAQ)

What is GAS?

- GAS stands for Government Assistance and Subsidies.
- GAS programs were formerly called GASTPE programs.
- GASTPE stands for Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education.
- Legal basis is RA No. 6728 (GASTPE Act), which was amended by RA No. 8545 (Expanded GASTPE or E-GASTPE) Act.
- E-GASTPE was further expanded by RA No. 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013) to cover senior high school

GAS instead of GASTPE

- Expansion meant new programs that
 - Involve participation of non-DepEd public schools
 - Extend assistance to learners enrolled in DepEd schools
- RA No. 10533 also provides that DepEd may develop other forms of financial arrangements consistent with the principles of public-private partnership
- DepEd adopted the recommendation by DBM to use a term encompassing the GASTPE programs as well as existing and future programs of the same nature

DepEd GAS Programs

- Education Service Contracting (ESC)
- Teachers' Salary Subsidy (TSS)
- Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP)
- In-Service Training (INSET)
- Research and Innovation for Success in Education (RISE)
- Joint Delivery Voucher Program for Senior High School Technical-Vocational-Livelihood Specializations (JDVP-TVL)*

**To be discussed separately*

Implementation of GAS Programs

Department of Education
(DepEd)



Private Education Assistance Committee
(PEAC)

Programs jointly managed* by
DepEd and PEAC:

- ESC
- TSS**
- SHS VP
- INSET**
- RISE**

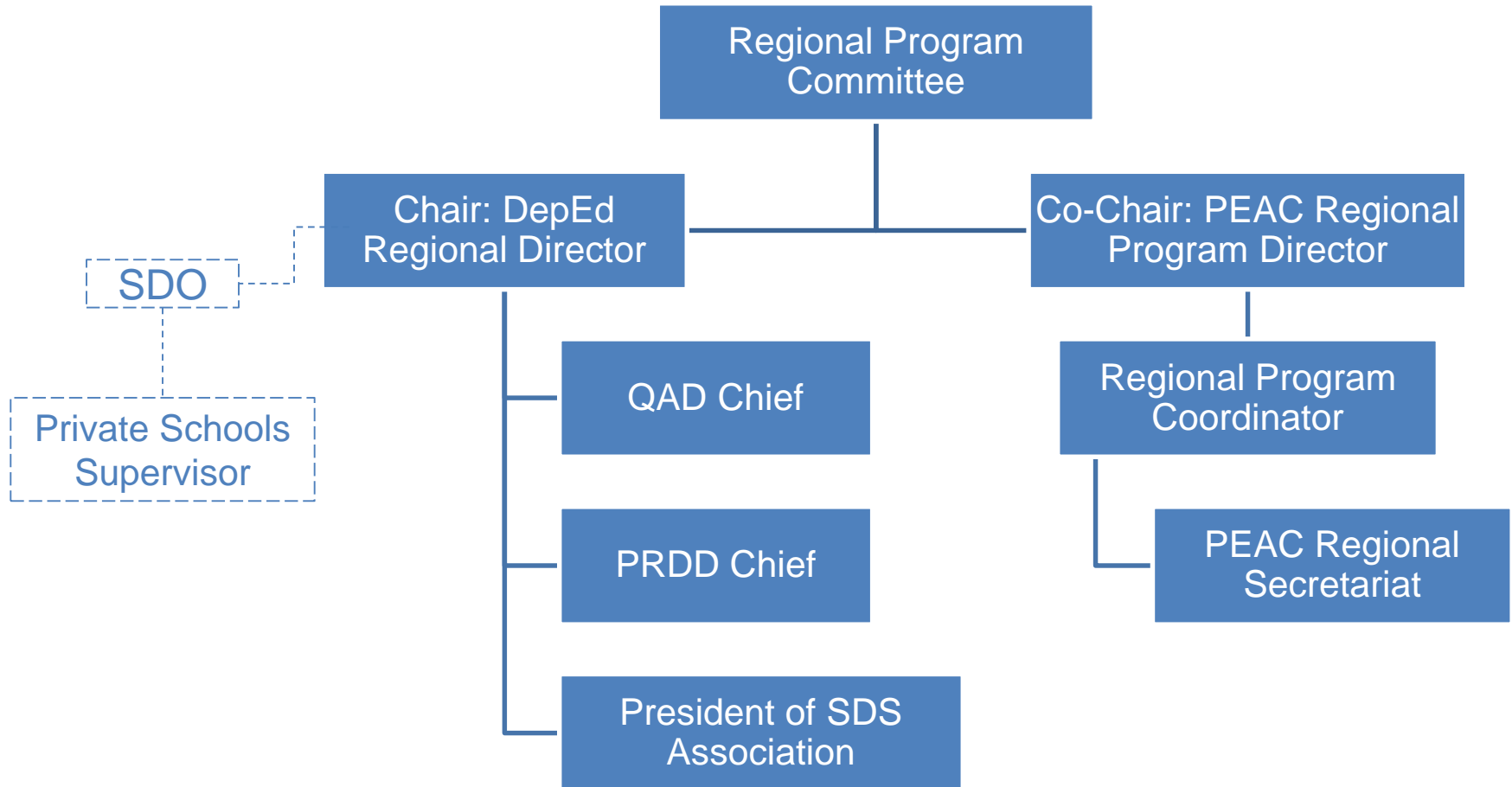
**Requires special provision in GAA and MOA with PEAC*

***Not reflected in GAA, included under line item for ESC*

What is FAPE? What is PEAC?

- DepEd is the institutional owner and regulator of the GASTPE programs it implements through the PEAC.
- Executive Order No. (EO) 156, s. 1968 created the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE), a perpetual trust fund for financing programs of assistance to private education.
- The same EO created the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) which serves as the trustee of FAPE.
- PEAC has been contracted by DepEd to administer some of the GAS programs
- PEAC is represented nationally by its National Secretariat (PEAC NS) and in each region by its respective Regional Secretariat (PEAC RS).

GAS Programs in the field





EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTING (ESC)

What is ESC?

A program of financial assistance wherein subsidies called ESC grants are provided to qualified Junior High School (JHS) – Grades 7 to 10 learners in participating JHSs

Objectives

- Improve and expand access to quality JHS education
- Aid in the decongestion of public JHSs

How does ESC work?

- Private JHSs apply and are certified by DepEd through PEAC to be part of the program. – Not all JHSs are ESC
- JHSs that become ESC-participating schools are given a limited number of slots that come with subsidies called ESC grants.
- Program beneficiaries are called ESC grantees.

How will I know that the school is ESC?

- Go to <https://peac.org.ph/educational-service-contracting-esc/> to check

Search for ESC-participating schools in your area

Region Province City/Municipality

- You may also ask the school directly

If the school is ESC, what will be the next step?

- Coordinate with the school directly. Confirm if the school have available slots
- The school should assist the student on how to be an ESC grantee.

How to be an ESC grantee?

- Each ESC-participating JHS has a School Committee that will select Grade 7 ESC grantees.
- Advise the learner/parent to check with the school on its application process and required documents
- If application is successful and learner is selected, enroll for Grade 7 in the ESC-participating school.

Who are qualified to be an ESC grantee?

- Filipino citizen
- Elementary graduate from a DepEd public school or private school with DepEd permit/recognition
- ALS A&E passer of elementary level
- PEPT passer of Grade 6 level
- Incoming Grade 7 student
- Not an ESC recipient in previous school

- No new ESC grants are awarded at higher grade levels.
- Only entry point is Grade 7, kung hindi kasali sa ESC program by Grade 7, hindi na pwede.

How much is the ESC grant SY 2019-2020?

Grade Level	Schools in NCR	Schools in Highly-Urbanized Cities	Schools in All Other Locations
Grade 7	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
Grade 8	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
Grade 9	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
Grade 10	Php11,000	Php8,500	Php8,500

- Pero kung mas mababa ang total school fees kesa sa subsidy amount, yung total school fees lang ang babayaran.
- The amount of subsidy given to the grantee at Grade 7 is the same amount the grantee will receive until Grade 10.

Paano ko matatanggap ang subsidy?

- Sa ESC-participating JHS direktang ibabayad ng DepEd ang subsidy
- No payment will be released to the learner or parent/guardian.

What are the terms of the ESC grant?

- The ESC grant starts at Grade 7 and covers four years of JHS, to Grade 10.
- No required maintaining grade, you just need to be promoted to the next grade level.
- The grant is terminated if a grantee does any of the following:
 - Fails to be promoted to the next grade level
 - Drops out in the middle of the school year
 - Does not reenroll the following school year
 - Transfers to a non-ESC-participating school
 - Is suspended for more than two (2) weeks, dismissed or expelled by the ESC-participating JHS for disciplinary reasons

What if there is a valid reason for dropping out?

- Grantees who drop out due to prolonged illness, accident, force majeure, or death of a parent or guardian may be reinstated in the ESC program, provided they submit relevant documents to the PEAC NS.
- The documents to be submitted are to support their claim e.g. for illness, a medical certificate issued by a licensed medical doctor.

Can a grantee transfer to another school?

- Only transfers to another ESC-participating JHS are allowed.
- In cases when the applicable subsidy amount of the releasing JHS is different from that of the accepting JHS, the accepting JHS will be paid the lower of the two applicable subsidy amounts.
- The accepting school is responsible for reporting transfer details in the ESC Information Management System.

- Involuntary transfers, such as when a school closes or is terminated from further participation in the ESC program, are allowed and considered special cases.
- Such cases shall be dealt with individually.
- ESC-participating JHSs that close shall promptly inform PEAC and DepEd.

Can an ESC slot be given to others?

- No, the ESC grant is not a legal tender and cannot be transferred from one student to another.



TEACHERS' SALARY SUBSIDY (TSS)

What is TSS?

A program wherein an annual subsidy is provided to qualified teachers in ESC-participating schools

Objectives

- Improve the quality of private junior high schools by providing a salary subsidy to teachers in ESC-participating schools

Who are qualified TSS recipients?

Teachers in ESC-participating JHSs that meet the following conditions qualify for the TSS:

- With a valid PRC license, or pass the Licensure Exam for Teachers (LET) by October of the current school year
- Is a full-time employee in the JHS
- Is teaching a subject in the DepEd Curriculum for JHS at least 180 minutes a week

How much is TSS?

- Php1,500 per month of service to the JHS
- Full subsidy of Php18,000 if employed until the end of the school year

Can we transfer or give the TSS to other teachers??

- No, TSS payments to ESC-participating JHSs are meant for the TSS recipients only and shall not be distributed to other teachers/school personnel.

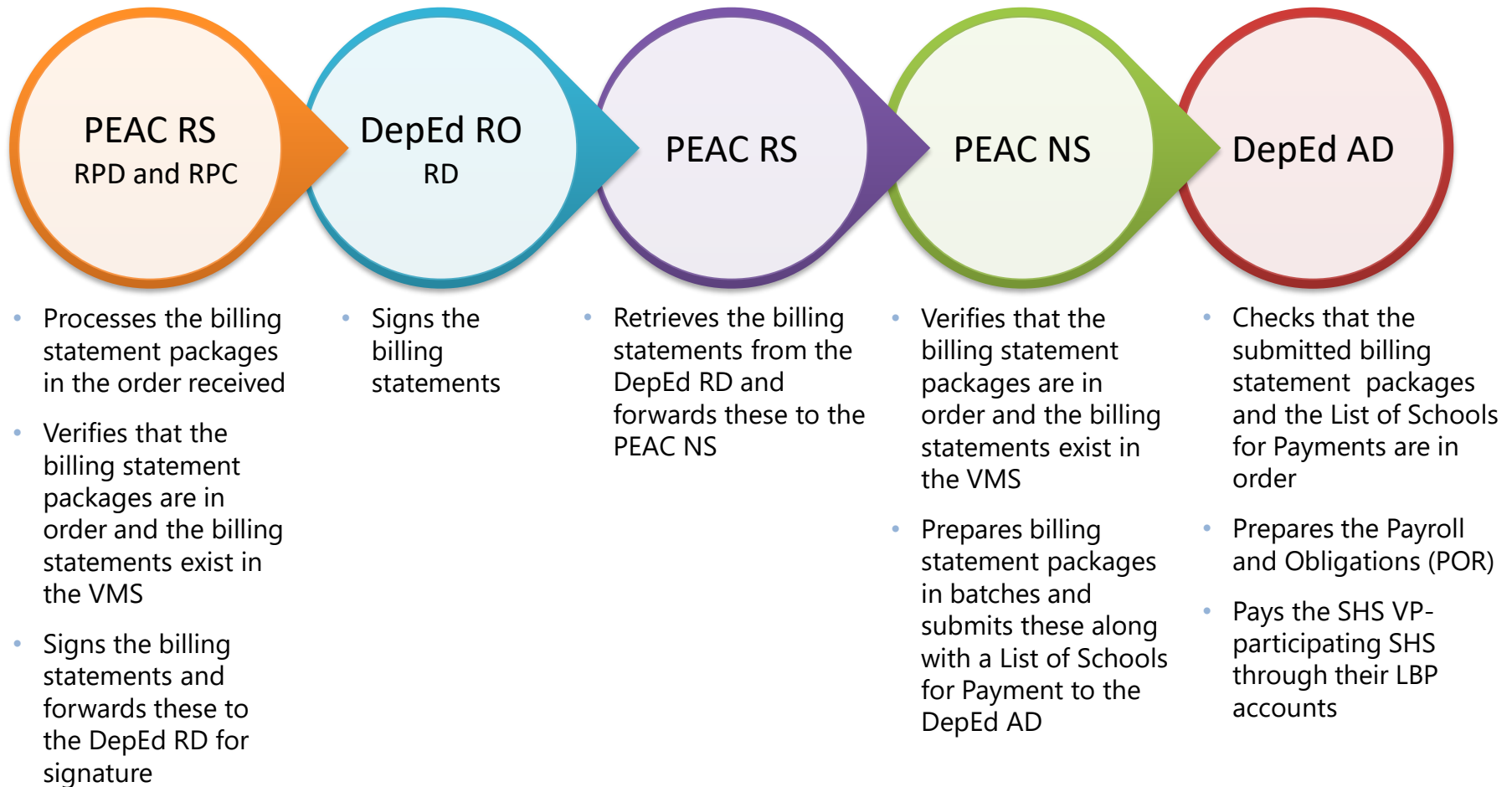


ESC AND SHS VP BILLING AND PAYMENT

When can schools bill for ESC grantees?

- Schools can only bill 30 days after the opening of classes
- For ESC, grantees can transfer to a different ESC-participating JHS and which school will bill DepEd for the learner will depend on a set cutoff date

Billing and Payment Process



LEGEND:

Regional Program Director (RPD) | Regional Program Coordinator (RPC) | Regional Director (RD) | Accounting Division (AD)

How long is the processing of payments?

Status	Handling Unit	Approximate Processing Time
On Process (School)	SHS VP-participating SHS	
On Process (Region)	PEAC RS	2-3 Weeks
On Hold (Region)	PEAC RS	
Submitted to DepEd RO for Signature	DepEd RO	
Submitted to PEAC National Secretariat	PEAC RS	2-3 Weeks
Received by PEAC National Secretariat	PEAC NS	
On Hold (PEAC National Secretariat)	PEAC NS	
Submitted to DepEd	DepEd AD	4-6 Weeks
Payment Released	DepEd AD	



TIPS FOR HANDLING ESC/SHS VP CONCERNS

Some tips to handle concerns faster

- Masanay na pag sinasabi nilang “K12” o “K to 12” most likely ang ibig nilang sabihin ay SHS (Grade 11 or Grade 12)
- Pag sinabi nilang voucher, may significant number of times na ang ibig nilang sabihin ay ESC pero voucher pa rin ang tawag nila
- Kapag sinabi nilang, “Yung sa PEAC o FAPE scholarship po”, malamang ESC o SHS VP ang ibig nilang sabihin

Some tips to handle concerns faster

- Before engaging, tanungin muna kung anong grade ang bata at sa anong school year.
- Kung Grade 6 o Grade 7, ESC yan
- Pag sinabing Grade 10 o incoming 11, klaruhin.
- “Ang anak niyo po ba ay Grade 10 ng SY 2018-2019 at papasok na Grade 11 ng SY 2019-2020?”
- Kailangang Grade 10 nung SY 2018-2019 at promoted to Grade 11 sa SY 2019-2020 ang bata para makasali sa SHS VP.

Some tips to handle concerns faster

- Tanungin kung saan nag-aral ng Grade 10 ang bata – public or private school ba. Kung private, tanungin kung ESC grantee ang bata.
- Most likely hindi nila alam kung ano ang ESC kaya at this point ay maghanda nang magpaliwanag
- May chance rin na kailangang ipaliwanag kung ano ang PEPT at ALS A&E Test

Some tips to handle concerns faster

- Kung galing sa public school ng Grade 10, automatically qualified. Para irdeem ang voucher, pumunta sa SHS VP-participating school, kumpletuhin ang admission requirements, at pag nag-enroll ay magpasa ng Form 138/SF 9 (card) na kita ang LRN. Tatanggapin din ang certificate of completion/moving up at permanent record (Form 137 o SF 10). Ang kailangan lang ay maipakita na galing public school ang learner. Makukuha ang mga dokumento na yun sa public school na pinanggalingan.
- Kung galing sa private school ng Grade 10 at ESC grantee, automatically. Para iredeem ang voucher, pumunta sa SHS VP-participating school, kumpletuhin ang admission requirements, at pag nag-enroll ay magpasa ng ESC Certificate. Makukuha ang ESC Certificate sa private ESC-participating school na pinanggalingan nung Grade 10.
- Kung galing sa private school ng Grade 10 at hindi ESC grantee, kailangang mag-apply.
- Kung pumasa ng Grade 10 PEPT, kailangang mag-apply.
- Kung pumasa ng Secondary Level ALS A&E Test, kailangang mag-apply.

Whom to refer concerns to

- Kung billing o payment ang concern, please refer to Finance Service
- For all others, kindly refer to PEAC
- Kung mga apila, request for reconsideration, etc., usually mga hindi eligible o kaya ay naforfeit ang subsidy, please discourage these appeals, let's uphold our policies
- Kung may mapilit talaga, huwag nang ipasa ang tawag o papuntahin pa sa kung saan dahil hindi naman mareresolve on the spot ang concern, intake form na lamang o 'di kaya'y pasulatin ng letter addressed to Usec. Mateo.

When in doubt, refer to DOs

- DO No. 19, s. 2017 - Guidelines on the Implementation of the Senior High School Voucher Program Effective School Year 2017-2018
- DO No. 20, s. 2017 - Guidelines on the Implementation of the Educational Service Contracting and Teachers' Salary Subsidy Programs in Junior High School Effective School Year 2017-2018
- DO No. 60, s. 2017 - Guidelines on the Application for the Senior High School Voucher Program for School Year 2018-2019

Status of GAS Implementation in CAR

**Number of ESC Grantee
Cordillera Administrative
Region
School Year 2018-2019**

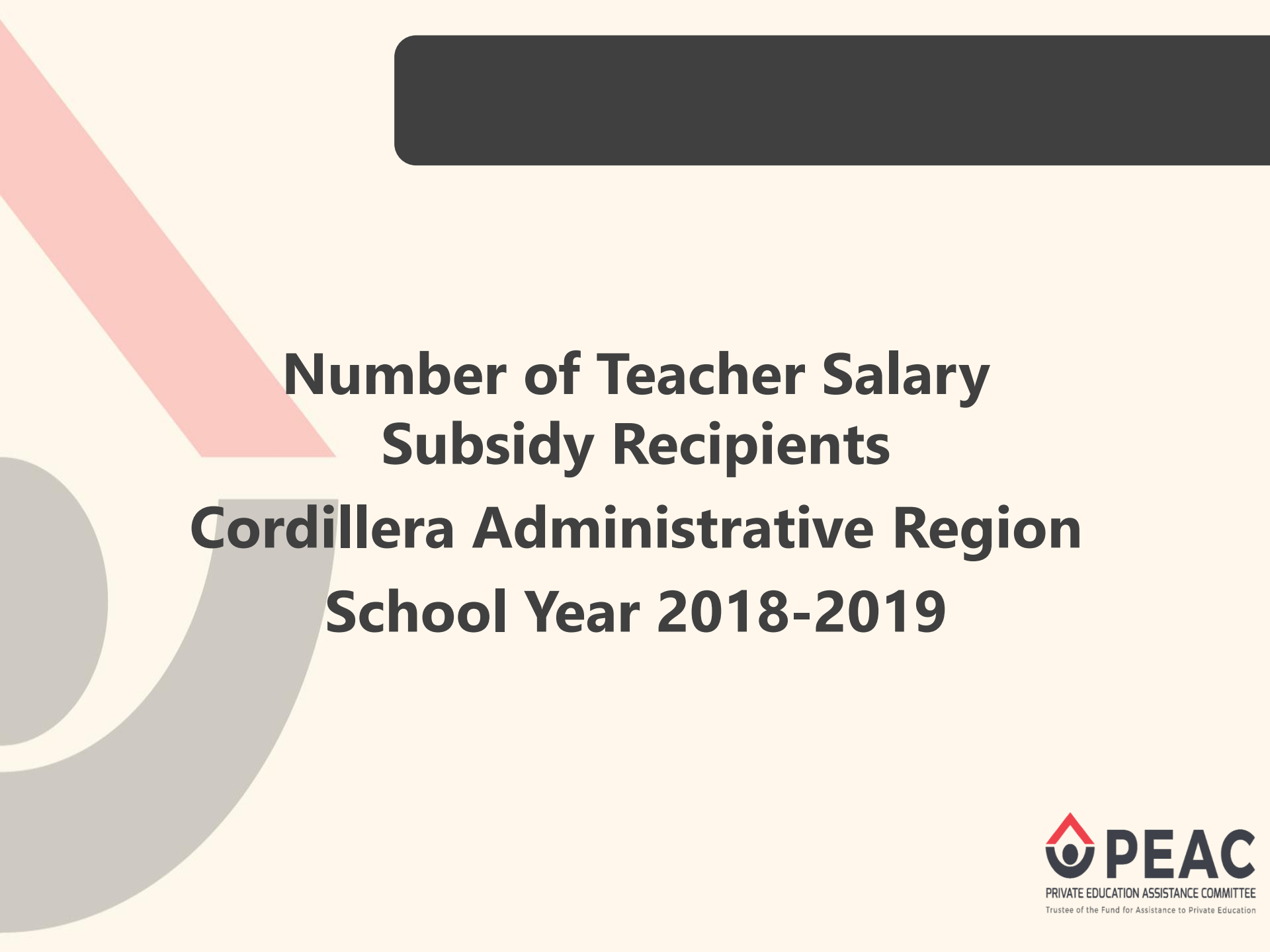
DepEd Division	Schools	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Total	Amount of Grant
Abra	21	1,523	1,431	1,412	1,284	5,650	49,335,000.00
Apayao	4	317	264	248	218	1,047	9,190,000.00
Baguio City	13	1,577	1,365	1,247	1,124	5,313	52,453,500.00
Benguet	14	1,861	1,527	1,239	1,150	5,777	50,798,500.00
Ifugao	7	1,175	1,045	868	802	3,890	34,175,000.00
Kalinga	12	1,493	1,145	1,024	889	4,551	40,002,500.00
Mountain Province	7	408	359	304	295	1,366	11,994,500.00
Total	78	8,354	7,136	6,342	5,762	27,594	247,949,000.00



PAYMENT RELEASED

-as of March 20,2019

DepEd Division	Schools	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Total	Amount of Grant
Abra	21	1,443	1,369	1,360	1,241	5,413	47,415,500.00
Apayao	4	317	264	248	218	1,047	9,190,000.00
Baguio City	11	1,259	1,021	948	875	4,103	40,515,500.00
Benguet	10	1,334	1,129	929	885	4,277	37,586,000.00
Ifugao	4	981	888	743	683	3,295	28,942,000.00
Kalinga	10	1,354	1,029	871	796	4,050	35,616,500.00
Mt. Province	7	408	359	304	295	1,366	11,994,500.00
Total	67	7,096	6,059	5,403	4,993	23,551	211,260,000.00



**Number of Teacher Salary
Subsidy Recipients
Cordillera Administrative Region
School Year 2018-2019**

DepEd Division	Schools	Recipients	Amount of Subsidies
Abra	21	174	3,096,000.00
Apayao	4	36	631,500.00
Baguio City	14	322	5,754,000.00
Benguet	14	286	4,996,500.00
Ifugao	7	160	2,880,000.00
Kalinga	12	155	2,790,000.00
Mountain Province	7	81	1,423,500.00
Total	79	1,214	21,571,500.00



Thank you!