



# UPDATES

## **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAMS**

# 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\*\*

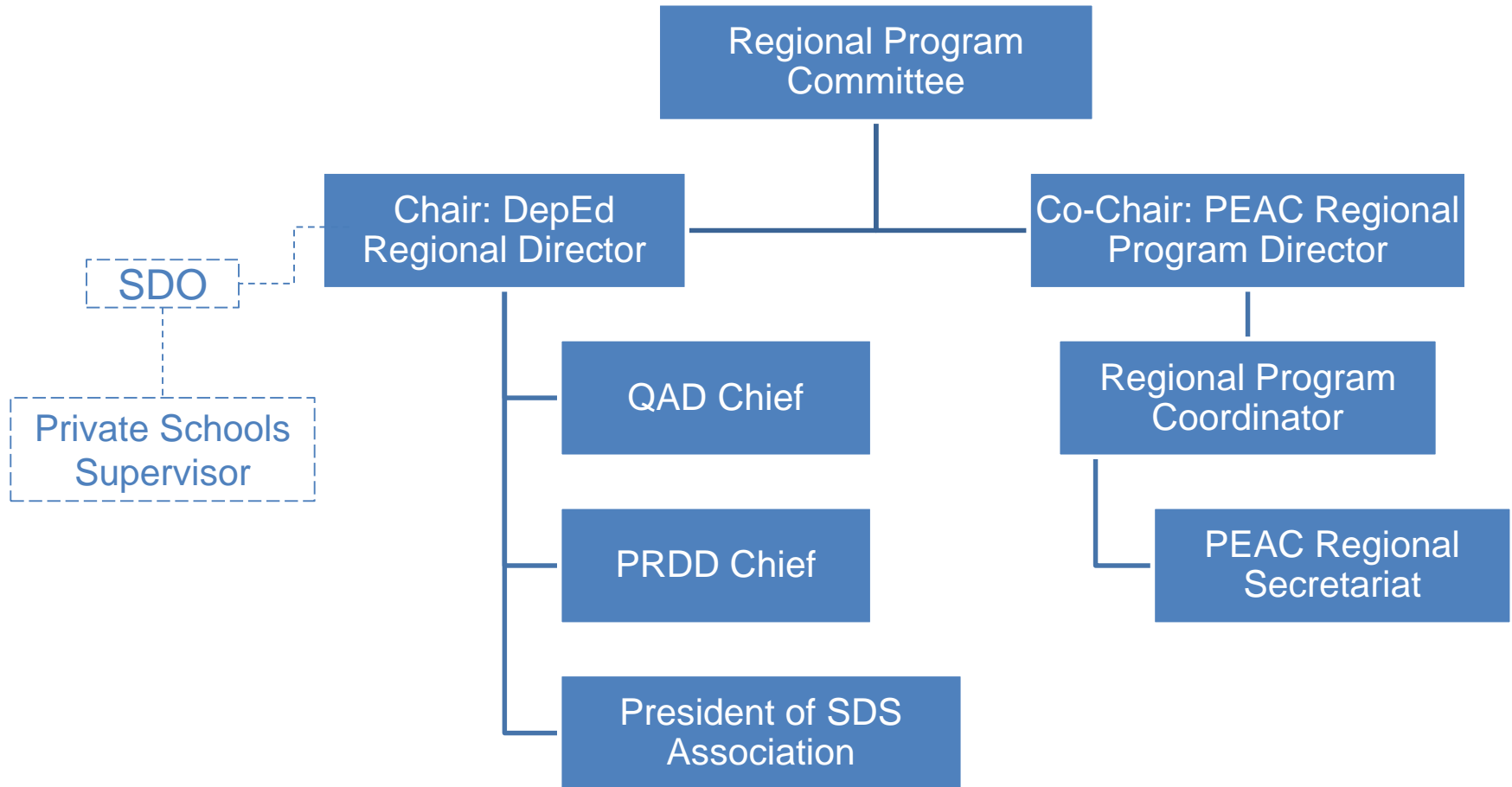
*\*Requires special provision in GAA and MOA with PEAC*

*\*\*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)**



# Ano ang 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. - Hindi lahat ng private JHS ay kasali sa ESC, siguraduhin muna na recognized ang JHS bago mag-apply.
- 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.

# Paano ko malalaman kung kasali ang JHS sa ESC?

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

**Search for ESC-participating schools in your area**

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Region Province City/Municipality

- Tanungin ang school directly

# Kasali nga ang JHS, ano ang sunod kong gagawin?

- Coordinate with the school directly. Ito ang advice natin para
  - Iconfirm ng school na kasali nga ito sa ESC program ngayong SY 2019-2020
  - Masabi ng school kung may available ESC slots pa sila – maaaring kasali nga ang school pero ubos na pala ang slots o may slots pa pero hindi na kayang iaccommodate sa enrolment
  - Maalalayan ng school ang bata/magulang kung paano mag-apply sa school nila para maging ESC grantee

# Paano maging 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.

# Sino ang pwedeng maging 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
- Hindi recipient ng ESC in previous school years

# Grade 8/9/10 ako, pwede pa ba?

- No, 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.

# Magkano ang ESC grant ngayong SY 2019-2020?

Grade Level	Schools in NCR	Schools in Highly-Urbanized Cities	Schools in All Other Locations
<b>Grade 7</b>	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
<b>Grade 8</b>	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
<b>Grade 9</b>	Php13,000	Php11,000	Php9,000
<b>Grade 10</b>	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, tuloy-tuloy hanggang Grade 10.
- Walang required na maintaining grade, kailangan lang mapromote to the next grade level.
- Hanggang four years lang ang covered.

# What are the terms of the ESC grant?

- 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

# Paano kung may 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.

# Pwede bang lumipat ang ESC grantee sa ibang 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.

# Kailangan kong magtransfer, wala akong choice

- 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.

# Pwede ko bang ibigay sa iba ang ESC slot ko?

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



# **TEACHERS' SALARY SUBSIDY (TSS)**



# Ano ang 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

# Sinu-sino ang pwedeng maging TSS recipient?

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

# Magkano ang TSS?

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

# Pwede bang ibigay ang TSS sa iba?

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



# **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM (SHS VP)**

# Ano ang SHS VP?

A program of financial assistance wherein subsidies are provided to qualified Senior High School (SHS) – Grades 11 to 12 learners in participating private or non-DepEd public SHSs

## **Objectives**

- Improve and expand access to quality, relevant SHS education
- Provide learners with greater choice in pursuing the SHS program that caters to their needs and career goals
- Increase the diversity of SHSs and engender a more dynamic system of SHS education

# Who can be SHS VP beneficiaries?

## Eligibility

- Filipino citizens
- Grade 10 completers in SY 2018-2019 may be Qualified Voucher Recipients (QVRs)
- QVRs are subdivided into (1) automatically qualified students and (2) voucher applicants

# The following are not eligible:

- Learners who graduated High School in March 2015 or earlier
- Grade 10 completers who completed Grade 10 before or after SY 2018-2019
- Incoming Grade 12 students who were not part of the voucher program in Grade 11 – Grade 11 lang ang entry point ng SHS VP
- Non-Filipino students



# Qualified Voucher Recipients

## Automatically qualified students

- Category A: All Grade 10 completers in Public JHSs
- Category B: All Grade 10 completers in SUCs and LUCs
- Category C: All Grade 10 completers in private schools who are ESC grantees

## Voucher Applicants (VAs)\*

- Category D: All Grade 10 completers in private schools who are not ESC grantees
- Category E: Students who took/will take the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test and the Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) in SY 2018-2019 and passed and have been certified for admission to Grade 11 in SY 2019-2020

*\*Successful applicants or Qualified Voucher Applicants (QVAs) are QVRs.*

# Category D/E ako, paano mag-apply/Open na po ba ang SHS Voucher Program application?

- Two ways: manual at online
- Pero closed pa ang application, pending the approval and signing of the 2019 General Appropriations Act
- Refer to DepEd Official Statement  
<http://www.deped.gov.ph/2019/04/03/state-ment-on-the-senior-high-school-voucher-program-for-school-year-sy-2019-2020/>

# Bakit kailangang hintayin ang 2019 GAA bago magbukas ng application?

- Walang budget ang programa kung hindi popondahan sa pamamagitan ng approved budget.

# Bakit walang budget e diba program niyo 'to, nasa batas 'to?

- Opo, katulad ng anumang batas, kung hindi ito popondohan, hindi ito maisasakatuparan.

# So, wala na talaga? / Paano ko malalaman kung bukas na?

- Mag-aannounce po ang DepEd as soon as magbukas. Pakicheck na lang from time to time ang DepEd website ([deped.gov.ph](http://deped.gov.ph)) at ang Facebook page (DepEd Philippines)

## Paano kung sumulat ako sa DepEd o sa PEAC/Paano kung pumunta ako sa DepEd or PEAC?

- Wag na lang po. Wala rin pong magagawa ang ibang DepEd Office/personnel o PEAC.
- Program po ng DepEd ang SHS VP, at pareho lang din po ang isasagot sa inyo kahit tumawag, sumulat, o pumunta kayo sa kahit anong PEAC o DepEd office.
- Sayang lang po ang gastos at pagod.
- Sarado pa po talaga, walang tatanggaping application.

Paano kung mag-enroll muna ako sa private school ngayon tapos nagbukas ang application, magagamit ba ang voucher at marereimburse ang ibinayad kong tuition?

- Posible po, pero walang kasiguraduhan. Kahit magbukas ang application, hindi po sure na matatanggap kayo at mabibigyan ng voucher.
- Desisyon niyo po kung gusto niyo pa ring magenroll sa private school, pero warning lang po na ang risk nun ay kung sakaling hindi kayo makakuha ng voucher, ay kayo po talaga ang magbabayad ng full amount ng tuition.

# Anong requirements para maihanda na namin pag nagbukas?

- Sa ngayon po ay pwede niyong tingnan ang nasa DepEd Order No. 60, s. 2017.
- Pero walang kasiguraduhan na yan pa rin po ang requirements dahil wala pang nilalabas na guidelines ang DepEd para sa SHS Voucher Application.
- Hindi maglalabas ng guidelines hangga't wala pang 2019 GAA.



# How are applications approved?

- Applications are first evaluated based on eligibility e.g. is the student a Grade 10 completer of the previous school year? Was he/she from a private school and not an ESC grantee? Was he/she a voucher recipient before?
- Then on the completeness of the application. Did they fill out the form completely? Did they complete the application of the form and submit on time?
- All information and documents required such as household size, Income Tax Return, Affidavit of Unemployment, etc. are considered in the evaluation of the application, as guided by the criteria provided by RA 8545.

# Category A/B/C ako, apektado ba ako ng closed application?

- Hindi ka apektado dahil automatically qualified ka
- Refer to DepEd Official Statement  
<http://www.deped.gov.ph/2019/04/03/state-ment-on-the-senior-high-school-voucher-program-for-school-year-sy-2019-2020/>

# QVR ako, paano iclaim ang voucher?

- A QVR redeems the voucher by enrolling in a private SHS or non-Deped public SHS (SUC/LUC), upon satisfying the admission requirements of the SHS
- Upon enrollment, a QVR will inform the VP-participating SHS of his status and present the necessary documentary evidence (shown in the next slide)
- A QVR who successfully redeems his/her voucher becomes a voucher program beneficiary (VPB)

# Paano malalaman ng school na QVR ako?

- QVRs who intend to redeem their vouchers by enrolling in Grade 11 must submit the following documents as evidence of their QVR status:

QVR category	Document	Where to obtain document
Grade 10 completer from a public school (DepEd JHS or SUC/LUC JHS)	Report card or moving up certificate bearing LRN	Junior high school
Grade 10 completer who was an ESC grantee in a private JHS	ESC Certificate	ESC-participating JHS
Grade 10 completer from a private school, not an ESC grantee, applied for SHS VP and was approved	QVA Certificate	PEAC NS through OVAP

# Kailan valid ang voucher?

- Vouchers shall be redeemed in the first semester of SY 2019-2020
- The voucher shall no longer be valid if not redeemed in the said period.
- The voucher covers the two years of SHS, Grades 11 and 12.
  - If the VPB extends beyond two years, the voucher still covers only the first two years.

# Magkano ang voucher subsidy?

Location of non-DepEd SHS	Category of QVR	Voucher amount	Voucher amount if the SHS is a SUC or LUC
<b>National Capital Region (NCR)</b>	Categories A, B, D, E	22,500	11,250
	Category C	18,000	
<b>Highly urbanized cities (HUCs) outside of NCR</b>	Categories A, B, D, E	20,000	10,000
	Category C	16,000	
<b>All other locations</b>	Categories A, B, D, E	17,500	8,750
	Category C	14,000	

- Pero kung mas mababa ang total school fees kesa sa subsidy amount, yung total school fees lang ang babayaran.

# Ano ang top-up?

- The top-up is the difference between the school fees charged by SHS VP-participating schools and the voucher subsidy provided.
- This is not covered by the voucher subsidy and shall be shouldered by the learner/parent

# Paano ko matatanggap ang voucher?

- Walang physical voucher
- Sa VP-participating SHS direktang ibabayad ng DepEd ang subsidy, no payment will be released to the learner or parent/guardian.



# Paano ibinabawas ang voucher subsidy?

- Advise the learner/parent to talk to the school about payment terms, iba-iba ang schools
- Some schools, naka-net agad ang voucher amount halimbawa Php20,000 ang school fees at Php18,000 ang voucher subsidy, automatic nang nakabawas kaya Php2,000 nalang ang ibabayad
- Sa iba naman, at mas maraming SHSs ang ganito, pababayaran muna sa learner/parent ang school fees nang buo at irereimburse na lamang pag nabayaran na ng DepEd ang school
- Kailangang within 30 days na mabayaran ang school ay mareimburse na ang learner/parent

# Where can I use the voucher?

- There is a list of participating SHSs on the DepEd website:  
<http://www.deped.gov.ph/2018-gaa-special-provisions>
- If learners/parents are unsure if their chosen school is participating in the SHS VP or if they do not have ready access to the internet, they can ask the school directly

# What are the terms of the SHS voucher?

- A VPB retains the subsidy if the VPB is promoted to the Grade 12 and enrolls in a private or non-DepEd public SHS.
- No maintaining grades are required of VPBs.
- A VPB loses the subsidy if the VPB 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 different VP-participating SHS within the school year**
  - Transfers to a DepEd SHS

# Paano kung may valid reason for dropping out?

- VPBs who drop out due to prolonged illness, accident, force majeure, or death of a parent or guardian may be reinstated in the SHS VP, 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.

# Pwede bang lumipat ang VPB sa ibang school?

- Transfers are allowed. VPBs who wish to retain their voucher subsidy may transfer
  - Only to another non-DepEd SHS and
  - Only at the end of the school year
- In cases when the applicable subsidy amount of the releasing SHS is different from that of the accepting SHS, the accepting SHS will be paid the lower of the two applicable subsidy amounts.
- The accepting school is responsible for reporting transfer details in the Voucher Management System.

# Kailangan kong magtransfer, wala akong choice

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

# Pwede ko bang ibigay sa iba ang voucher ko?

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

# Paano yan, wala akong voucher, hindi ako makakapag-senior high

- Hindi required ang voucher para makapag-senior high.
- Maaaring mag-enroll sa DepEd public SHSs.
- Pwedeng magpatulong sa Schools Division Office na maghanap ng DepEd public SHSs.





# **ESC AND SHS VP BILLING AND PAYMENT**

## Billing of Voucher Program Beneficiaries (VPB)

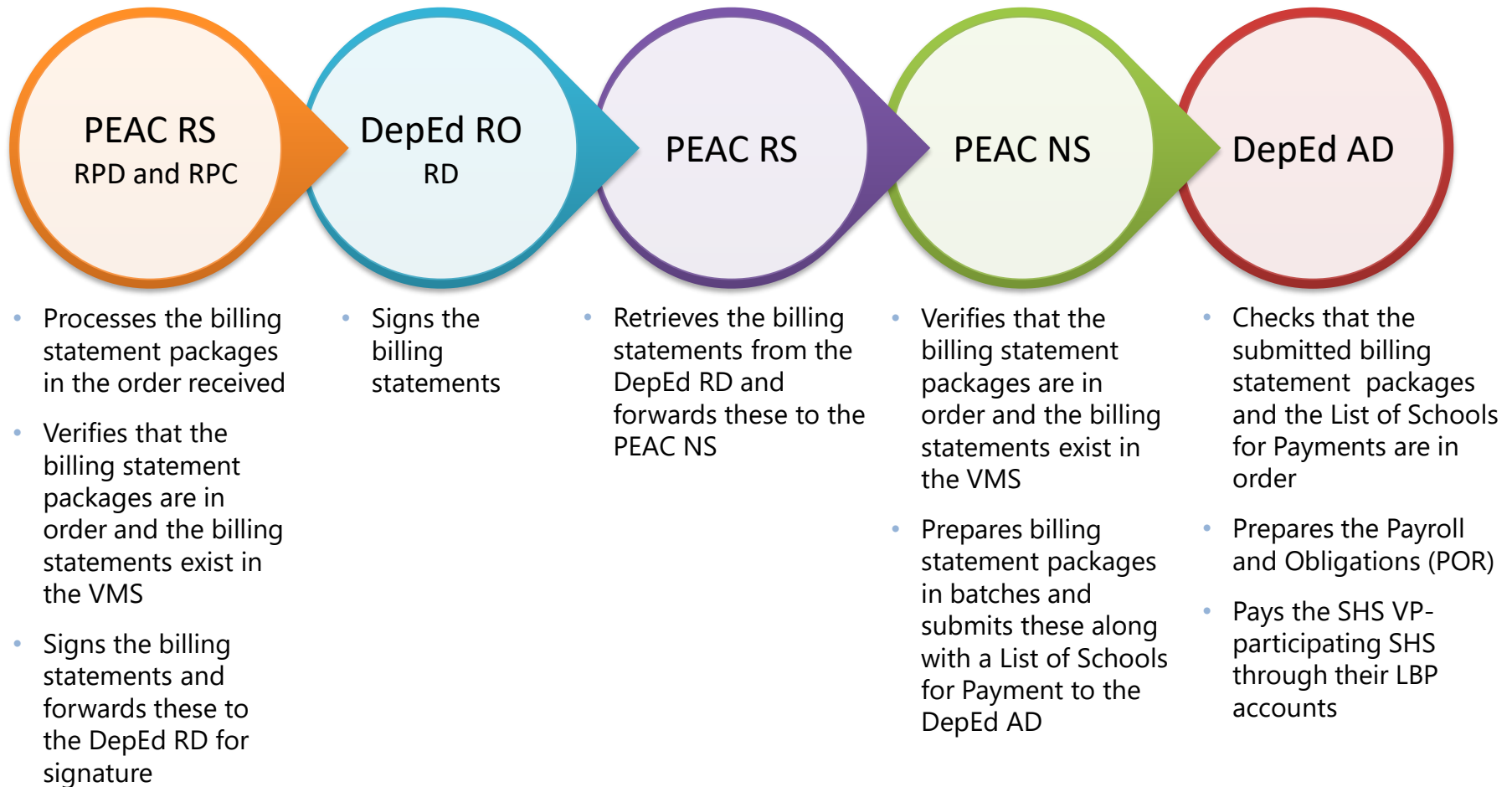
- Qualified VPBs for billing
  - VPBs reporting to school at least 30 days after opening of classes
  - If the student transfers to another school after 30 days, the VPB loses the voucher
  - Refund VPBs that drop-out or transfer to another school within 30 days after the opening of 2nd semester

Processing of SHS VP Payments

# When can schools bill for ESC grantees /VPBs?

- 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
- For SHS VP, if a learner transfers to another VP-participating SHS after 30 or more days, it is the originating school that gets paid and the VPB loses his/her voucher

# Billing and Payment Process



## LEGEND:

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

# Gaano katagal ba ang pagbayad?

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 PAAC
- 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



# **IN-SERVICE TRAINING (INSET)**

# Ano ang INSET?

A training program for teachers in private JHS and SHSs

## **Objectives**

- Enable teachers to meet the content and performance standards of the enhanced basic education curriculum
- Upgrade knowledge and teaching competencies in critical subject areas
- Assist instructions by modernizing teaching techniques and strategies



# **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SUCCESS IN EDUCATION (RISE)**

# Ano ang RISE?

A program that enables higher educational institutions and private educational associations as well as research organizations to conduct research on priority Philippine basic education issues

## **Objectives**

- Generate knowledge on areas that affect Philippine basic education, particularly on the education policies and programs that aim to improve access to quality basic education





Thank you!