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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BOHOL

**Office of the Schools Division
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Division Memorandum
No **596** s. 2025

**APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) 2025 OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
SYSTEM (DOST – PSHSS)**

To: Education Program Supervisors/ Division Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisor/OIC PSDS
Public Elementary/Secondary School Heads

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 0814, series of 2025, dated August 15, 2025, the content of which is self-explanatory.
2. For more details, refer to the attached Memorandum CO-EPS No. 08374, s. 2025 dated July 7, 2025 issued by Atty Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff.
3. For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PHILIPPINE
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM (DOST-PSHSS)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum CO-EPS No. 08374, s. 2025, issued by Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, dated July 10, 2025, regarding the conduct of the 2025 National Competitive Examination (NCE) of the DOST-Philippine Science High School System (PSHSS) for aspiring Grade 7 learners seeking to become PSHS scholars, scheduled on January 31, 2026.
2. The application period is from June 16 to November 7, 2025. For further details, please refer to the attached communication.
3. Participation of learners from both public and private schools shall be subject to no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order no. 9, s. 2005 entitled "*Instituting Measures to increase Engaged Time-On-Task and ensuring compliance therewith.*" The activity is also subject to a no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of RA no. 5546, "*An Act prohibiting the sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions for whatever projects or purpose from students and teachers of public and private schools.*"
4. For information and wide dissemination.

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
Assistant Secretary
OIC-Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

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SUBJECT : **APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (NCE) 2025 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM (DOST-PSHSS)**

DATE : July 10, 2025

The Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHSS) is now accepting applications for the **National Competitive Examination (NCE) 2025**. NCE is the official entrance exam for the PSHS System, which is our country's top network of public science high schools. Students who pass will get a full scholarship and a chance to learn advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

In this regard, the Department of Education enjoins all Regional and Schools Division Offices to actively disseminate and advocate the NCE 2025 to qualified Grade 6 learners from public and private DepEd-recognized elementary schools within their jurisdiction. Early identification and encouragement of learners with aptitude in science and mathematics are crucial to national development and innovation.

Key Details of the 2025 NCE:

- Program : Full STEM scholarship under the PSHS System
- Eligibility : Filipino students currently enrolled in Grade 6 at a DepEd-accredited institution and meeting prescribed qualifications
- Application Period : June 16 to November 7, 2025
- Examination Date : January 31, 2026 (Saturday)
- Online Application Portal: <https://nce.pshs.edu.ph>
- Additional Information : <https://pshs.edu.ph> or through the official PSHS Facebook post:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FfNZfgWPn/>



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We respectfully request your office's support in ensuring widespread awareness of this opportunity by informing all elementary schools and encouraging eligible students to apply.

Thank you very much.