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**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN**

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 088, s. 2026

**2026 CONDUCT OF TESDA FREE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT  
FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF DEPED BATAAN**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Senior High School Principals  
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the continuing efforts to enhance the employability and technical competencies of Senior High School (SHS) learners, and pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) Series of 2024 and TESDA Circular No. 45, s. 2024, the Schools Division of Bataan hereby announces the continuation of the TESDA Free National Certification (NC) Assessment for eligible SHS students enrolled in the Technical-Vocational Livelihood (TVL) track.
2. This initiative aims to provide learners with nationally recognized certifications that validate their competencies in their respective TVL specializations, thereby strengthening their readiness for employment and further technical training.
3. Eligible students who have submitted the required NC Application Forms and Self-Assessment Guides (SAGs) from public Senior High Schools offering TVL tracks shall undergo the competency assessment based on the attached schedule. School Heads and designated TVL Coordinators shall ensure that student-assesseees meet all qualifications and are adequately prepared. Preparatory activities shall include review sessions and hands-on exercises aligned with the required competencies for certification.
4. The competency assessment shall be conducted by TESDA-certified assessors in accordance with TESDA standards, as indicated in the enclosed schedules and designated assessment venues. School Heads shall ensure the completeness and



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timely submission of all required documents. The Division Office Senior High School Secretariat shall oversee the overall implementation and provide the necessary technical assistance to ensure the smooth conduct of the assessment.

5. **The assessment shall be free of charge**, with expenses chargeable to TESDA funds in accordance with TESDA Circular No. 45, s. 2024. However, incidental expenses incurred by student-assesseees and Division/School personnel involved in the conduct of the assessment, such as **transportation and meals, shall be charged to local funds**, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. This Memorandum shall also serve as the official travel authority of the student-assesseees, their respective teacher-chaperones, and the Division Senior High School Secretariat. The schedule and assessment venues may be accessed through this link <https://tinyurl.com/TFA-Schedule2025-2026>
7. In accordance with CSC and DBM Circular No. 4, s. 2004, all personnel with permanent, temporary, or casual/contractual status who render services beyond regular working hours, including weekends, holidays, or scheduled days off (Saturdays and Sundays), may avail of Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) or Service Credits, as applicable.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is hereby directed.

  
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Schools Division Superintendent 

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References: DepEd Curriculum & Teaching Memorandum dated September 4, 2024  
TESDA Circular No. 45, s. 2024

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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