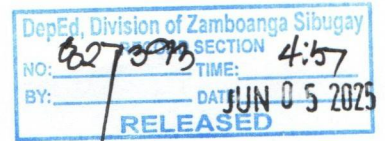




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IX
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY



05 June 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 452, s. 2025

**DISSEMINATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 015, s. 2025 TITLED AMENDMENT TO
DEPED ORDER NO. 47, s. 2016 (OMNIBUS POLICY ON KINDERGARTEN
EDUCATION) AS AMENDED BY DEPED ORDER NO. 020 s. 2018**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chiefs
EPSs/PSDSs/District in-Charge
All Public and Private School Heads
All Kindergarten teachers
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. The Department of Education, Central Office issued **DepEd Order No. 015, s. 2025** on June 4, 2025, amending the **age requirement for incoming Kindergarten learners** as stated in DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2016 (Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education), as amended by DepEd Order No. 020, s. 2018.

2. This amendment aligns with RA 10157 (Kindergarten Act of 2012), which mandates accessible, mandatory, and compulsory Kindergarten education for all children.

3. The order revises paragraph 15-A of Section VI(Enrollment Procedures) of DO 047, s. 2016 as amended by DepEd Order No. 020, s. 2018. For School Year 2025–2026, children **must be five (5) years old by October 31, 2025, to enroll in Kindergarten**. However, children turning **five between November 1 and December 31, 2025**, may still be admitted if they meet either of the following conditions:

- a. Completion of one (1) school year in an Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) program. Parents or legal guardians must present a Certificate of Completion or Attendance from a recognized or permitted Child Development Center (CDC) or Learning Center (LC).
- b. Successful assessment using the Philippine Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist administered by Kindergarten teachers during the enrollment period up to the first week of school. The results will determine the child's readiness for Kindergarten. The **accomplished checklist shall form part of the learner's records**.

4. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is required to ensure compliance and effective implementation.



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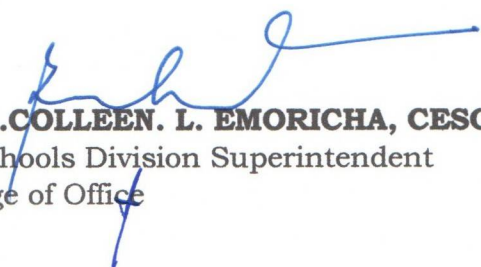


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5. For inquiries or clarifications, please contact the CID Kindergarten Focal Person, SGOD – Planning and Research at hotline 0960-888-5078 or SGOD – School Management, Monitoring, and Evaluation.

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In charge of Office

References: DO 015, s. 2025
RA 10157 (Kindergarten Act of 2012)
RA 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013)

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DepEd ORDER
No. **015**, s. 2025

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AMENDMENT TO DEPED ORDER NO. 47, s. 2016
(Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education)
AS AMENDED BY DEPED ORDER NO. 020, s. 2018

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Kindergarten and Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Republic Act (RA) No. 10157, titled Kindergarten Education Act of 2012, mandates the equal opportunity for all children to avail themselves of accessible, mandatory, and compulsory kindergarten education. RA 10157 and RA 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013) provide that Kindergarten education refers to one year of preparatory education for children at least five years old as a prerequisite for Grade 1.

2. For the interest of the Filipino children and to improve access to Kindergarten education, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues this Order to amend **paragraph 15-A of Section VI** (Enrolment Procedures) of DepEd Order (DO) No. 47, s. 2016, as amended by DO 020 s. 2018 to read as follows:

VI. Enrollment Procedures

15. All regional directors, schools division superintendents, and school heads of both public and private schools are directed to accept children in accordance with the following guidelines starting the school year 2025–2026:

A. Age qualification for Kindergarten learners should be five years old by October 31 of every calendar year. However, the school may consider learners entering Kindergarten who will turn five years old from November 1 to December 31 on the condition that the learner shall:

- i. Have completed an Early Childhood Care and Development (ECDD) Program for one (1) school year. Parents/legal guardians shall provide copies of the Certificate of Completion/Attendance of the learner's previous ECCD program experience from a public or private Child Development Centers (CDCs)/Learning Centers (LCs) that are granted with permit or recognition; or**

- ii. **Undergo the Philippine Early Childhood and Development (ECD) Checklist during the enrollment period until the first week of the school year in order to ensure that the learner is capable of meeting the expectations of the kindergarten level. The ECD checklist shall be administered by the Kindergarten teachers of the receiving school, and the results shall be the basis of the school in admission to Kindergarten. Further, the accomplished checklist shall form part of the records of the learner."**

3. To support the implementation of this policy, the National Educator's Academy of the Philippines with concerned DepEd offices shall provide continuing training for kindergarten teachers in supporting young learners.

4. This Order repeals DepEd Order 20, s. 2018. All provisions stated in DepEd Order Nos. 47, s. 2016 and 03, S. 2018, not affected by these changes shall remain in effect. Moreover, all other provisions and related issuances that are inconsistent with this Order are deemed repealed, rescinded, or amended accordingly.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval, issuance, and publication on the DepEd website. This shall be registered with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) at the University of the Philippines Law Center (UP LC), UP Diliman, Quezon City.

6. For more information on this policy, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Teaching and Learning Division**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at bld.tld@deped.gov.ph.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.



SONNY ANGARA
Secretary

References:

DepEd Order (Nos. 20 and 03, s. 2018; and 47, s. 2016)

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