



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **250** s. 2024

**ISSUANCE OF SHOW CAUSE ORDER TO PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (PCU) BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter dated February 26, 2024, from the Office of the Director IV, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Regional Office VIII relative to the press release issued by CHED on the latter's issuance of a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) for alleged various offenses.
2. Given this, the Human Resource Merit and Promotion Selection Boards (HRMPSBs) of the Schools Division Offices are directed to dishonor credentials from the university until the CHED releases a final decision.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum are desired.

  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
Regional Director

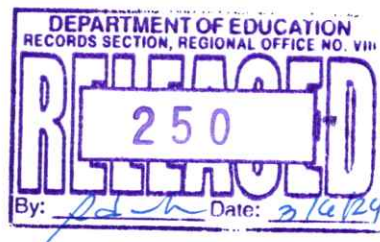
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SHOW CAUSE ORDER PCU

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Dear **Fetalvero**:

Greetings!

In consideration of the public interest and protection, the Commission on Higher Education – Regional Office VIII resends this request for assistance in disseminating the attached Press Release from the Office of the Chairperson, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, regarding CHED’s issuance of a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED on its initial findings.

We also wish to inform your good office that as of this date, CHEDRO VIII’s Registry of Graduate School Programs does not include any recognized extension Graduate Program offered by any public or private higher education institutions from another region. Moreover, there are no recognized special graduate programs of any Region 8 public institution nor recognized extension undergraduate & graduate extension classes of any Region 8 private institutions.

Thank you so much for being our partner in ensuring quality education for all.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**MAXIMO C. ALJIBE, Ph.D., DPM, CESO III**  
Director IV

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Press Release  
21 August 2023

### **CHED issues show cause order vs Philippine Christian University**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on August 15, issued a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED on its initial findings.

To protect the public and pursuant to existing laws and regulations, PCU is ordered to immediately cease and desist from offering and implementing any and all programs for which it does not have official CHED permit, recognition or authorization to offer or conduct, including but not limited to, transnational higher education, distance education and fully online classes.

By authority and upon instruction of the CHED Commission en banc, in accordance with Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 and Republic Act No. 7722, CHED's issuance of the show cause order to PCU is due to the following offenses:

1. Offering transnational higher education (TNHE) programs without the requisite government permit, in violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, s. 2023;
2. Failure to provide relevant data on its international institutional partners, i.e., notarized MOAs, accomplished activities, among others, in violation of RA 11448, its IRR, and CMO No. 6, s. 2023;
3. Non-compliance with the prescribed faculty to student ratio for its Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program;
4. Posting public announcements about TNHE programs without the proper CHED authorization in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR;
5. Partnering with institutions that are not recognized by their respective governments as quality higher education providers nor accredited by recognized accrediting body(ies) in its country of origin, in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR; and
6. Offering shortened graduate programs through extension classes via distance education and online modalities without authority, in violation of CMO No. 27, s. 2005.

**J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**  
*Chairman*  
CHED and UniFAST Board