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Reminder on Examination Security and Prohibition of Recording and Posting During the Administration of the Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination (CB-NCAE)

This Bureau has received reports of incidents during the administration of the Computer-Based National Career Assessment Examination (CB-NCAE) involving both examinees and testing personnel. Reported cases include examinees capturing images of test items, recording videos while answering questions that display test items, and recording their screens using laptops, desktops, or mobile phones. Instances involving testing personnel include recording videos inside the testing room and inadequate monitoring of learners during the examination. Some of these materials were also shared on social media platforms. Even in cases where the recordings did not directly capture test items, such actions are considered breaches of examination security.

Thus, this **Advisory is issued to remind all concerned offices and schools of the critical importance of upholding the security and integrity of the ongoing CB-NCAE administration**, in line with **DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016**, titled *Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program*.

Pursuant to **Section 13: Breach of Security in National Examinations and Corresponding Sanctions** of DO 55, s. 2016, “*the security and integrity of test materials shall be upheld in the whole process of test administration.*” The same section explicitly provides that the following acts, among others, are deemed violations of examination security:

*“Capturing test items through electronic gadgets;
Distribution and posting of photos of the test booklet in any form of media;
Failure to closely monitor test procedures resulting in test irregularities.”*

All examinees and testing personnel are advised to strictly adhere to examination rules and procedures. Any breach of security will be subject to the corresponding sanctions provided under Section 13 of DO 55, s. 2016. Schools Division Offices (SDOs), School Heads, and testing personnel are responsible for monitoring the examination process and ensuring compliance.

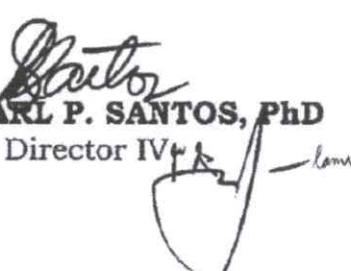


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A separate memorandum will be sent to the concerned Regional Offices with issues and concerns of testing irregularities. It is advised that ROs involved shall oversee the validation and investigation of the reported incidents and coordinate with the respective SDOs and schools, in accordance with existing policies and due process requirements.

Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.


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