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### **MEMORANDUM FROM THE LEB CHAIRMAN TO ALL LAW DEANS, LAW STUDENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILSAT REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT IN THE BASIC LAW COURSES.**

Due to numerous queries received despite the previous clarification made in LEB Memorandum Circular No. 7 regarding the implementation of LEB Memorandum Orders Nos. 7 and 11, this office hereby issues the reminders herein contained to guide law schools, law students, and other interested persons as to the implementation of the requirement of passing the Philippine Law School Admission Test (PhiLSAT) to be eligible for admission/enrolment in the basic law course in law schools in connection with the end of the First Semester, and the start of the Second Semester, both in AY 2017-2018.

1. **Eligibility Requirement and Exception:** No one who has not taken the PhiLSAT shall be eligible to be admitted and/or enrolled as a freshman law student in the basic law course starting in AY 2017-2018, EXCEPT those who missed taking the 1<sup>st</sup> PhiLSAT last April 16, 2017, who were allowed to be conditionally enrolled by law schools by virtue of the Conditional Enrolment Permits by the LEB.
2. **Action on 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Conditional Enrolment:** At the end of the First Semester of AY 2017-2018, the conditional enrolment by virtue of the Conditional Enrolment Permits issued by the LEB of all those who missed taking the 1<sup>st</sup> PhiLSAT shall terminate, and the law schools shall implement the following courses of action:
  - a. REVOKE the conditional enrolment of those who missed to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT on September 24, 2017; or
  - b. REGULARIZE the enrolment of those who took and passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT; or
  - c. REVOKE the enrolment of those who took but failed the 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT, UNLESS the law school chooses to REGULARIZE their enrolment even if they failed the 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT in the exercise of the discretion given under Section 14 of LEBMO No. 7, subject in the latter case to the submission of a written justification to the LEB for each and every student admitted.
3. **Effect of the Revocation of Conditional Enrolment:** In case the conditional enrolment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of AY 2017-2018 is REVOKED the effect shall be as follows:
  - a. The conditionally enrolled student shall be allowed to finish the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, and shall be credited with the grades earned during the period of conditional enrolment; and
  - b. The conditionally enrolled student shall be barred from re-enrolling in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of AY 2017-2018; BUT a law school may admit and enroll such a student in

the future, and credit him/her with the passing grades earned while conditionally enrolled, if and when said student takes and passes subsequently the PhiLSAT.

- 4. Duration of the Discretion Given to Law Schools Under Sec. 14 of LEBMO No. 7:** The discretion given to law schools under Sec. 14 of LEBMO No. 7 to admit those who failed the PhiLSAT during the initial year of implementation extends up to the admission and enrolment in the Second Semester of AY 2017-2018. Law Schools may still admit/enroll (as regular students, not conditionally admitted/enrolled) in the coming Second Semester of AY 2017-2018 those who took but failed in the 1<sup>st</sup> PhiLSAT, or 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT, or both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> PhiLSAT.

For guidance and compliance.



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