



June 30, 2016

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 162 s., 2016

**RECORDS SECTION**

**CLARIFICATION ON AGE QUALIFICATION FOR KINDERGARTEN LEARNERS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (AID)  
Chief Supervisor, CID  
Education Program Supervisors  
Education Program Specialists  
Public Schools District Supervisors

1. This Office clarifies the age qualification for Kindergarten learners per DepEd Order No. 47 s.,2016 - Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education , Enclosure, Item No.VI -15 dated June 28, 2016 which is as follows:

*Age qualification for Kindergarten learners in public schools should be five (5) years old by June 1 of every school year (DepED Order No.16, s.2015). However, the school may consider learners entering Kindergarten who will turn five (5) years old by the **end of August** on the condition that the **Philippine Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist must be administered to the learner** to ensure that the learner is capable of meeting the expectations of the grade level. Parents may provide documentation and / or certification of the learner's previous Early Childhood Education (ECE) experiences (i.e., preschool, day care, pre-Kindergarten) in addition to the results from the Philippine ECD Checklist and if there are any additional documentation of ECE experiences to the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), and secure written permission from the SDS for these learners to enter Kindergarten.*

2. Wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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