

**[CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO) NO. 11
SERIES OF 2012, April 24, 2012]**

**EXTENSION OF THE DESIGNATION OF EXISTING CENTERS OF
EXCELLENCE (COE) AND CENTERS OF DEVELOPMENT (COD) AND**

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EVALUATION OF PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR 1) CENTERS OF
EXCELLENCE AND CENTERS OF DEVELOPMENT IN FIELDS THAT
HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH A SECOND ROUND OF COE/COD
SELECTION; AND 2) UPGRADING TO CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
FROM CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with the pertinent provision of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," by virtue of Commission *en banc* Resolution No. 087-2012 dated 16 April 2012, and for the purpose of providing transitional mechanisms while conducting consultations on key reforms aimed to rationalize the higher education system and thereby enhance its contribution to national development, the Commission hereby promulgate the following:

Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development COE/COD

A. Extension of Designation as COE/COD

- The existing Centers of Excellence or Centers of Development shall continue to be designated as such until 31 May 2014.

B. Application as COE/COD

- Applications for COE/COD in disciplines for which the Technical Panels have not identified/selected a second batch of COEs/CODs that are received by CHED on or before 31 May 2012 shall be processed using existing criteria. If approved, their COE/COD designation shall expire on 31 May 2014.

C. Upgrading from COD to COE

- Applications for upgrading from COD to COE received by CHED on or before 31 May 2012 shall be processed using existing criteria. If approved, their COE designation shall expire on 31 May 2014.

D. Designation of Pending COE to COD recommendations of the
Technical Panels

- Applications evaluated and endorsed by the Technical Panels to the Commission *en banc* for approval that were not acted