



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region IV-A
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF QUEZON PROVINCE

17 August 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

DM No. 588, s. 2021

**PROTECTION AGAINST TOBACCO INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE IN SCHOOLS AND
OFFICES OF SCHOOLS DIVISION OF QUEZON**

To: OIC- Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Section/ Unit Heads
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary, Secondary School Heads
Division Office Personnel
School Health Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with **DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016** or the **Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control and DepEd Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum No. 39, s. 2020 (Strict Enforcement of Tobacco Control Policies, including Smoke-Free and Vape-Free Policies, during the Enhanced and General Community Quarantine)**, all DepEd personnel are reminded to remain vigilant for any possible interference from the tobacco industry. This includes their possible sponsorship of educational training and activities, as well as donations of personal protective equipment, sanitizers and school supplies, among others, even those coursed through front non-government organizations and foundations.
2. Partners are required to include a stipulation in the partnership instrument entered with them (e.g. Memorandum of Agreement, Deed of Donation) that they are not related to or funded by the tobacco industry. Meanwhile, officials and personnel who violate the said provision of the policy may face administrative charges.

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3. Attached is a **Declaration of Interest** that schools and offices may use in communicating this matter to their respective partners and stakeholders. The soft copy of the template can be downloaded from this link: tinyurl.com/tcpDOI.
4. For more information, please contact Aim V. Santander, Tobacco Control Coordinator and Brief Tobacco Intervention Provider through 0932-266-0093.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance to this Memorandum is highly desired.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

This is consistent with the provision of **DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016** which prohibits DepEd officials and personnel to form any unnecessary interaction with the tobacco industry.

In connection, I hereto declare that at present (please tick a checkmark if applicable):

☐ I and/or the organization in which I am employed do/does not receive any financial assistance, funding, other than taxes, or other fiscal duties, court mandated payments, or settlement from the tobacco industry, or any entity working to further its interests, within the past five years.

☐ I am not and have not been employed in the last five years by the tobacco industry or any entity working to further the interests of the tobacco industry.

☐ I am not affiliated with, or have no professional relationship with the tobacco industry, or any entity working to further its interests. (NOTE: the notion of "professional relationship" used in this paragraph be understood as not including a public holder's interactions with the tobacco industry required for setting and implementing public health policies with respect to tobacco control).

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and understand that my accreditation may be rejected or revoked if the information is inaccurate.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Name : _____

Position : _____

Organization : _____

Signature : _____

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