



Legal Watch

CHED MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06, SERIES OF 2026



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SUMMARY

The CHED issued CMO No. 06, s. 2026, imposing stricter regulations on student organizations and reinforcing a zero-tolerance stance on hazing across public and private higher education institutions. All organizations, including fraternities, sororities, and ROTC units, must secure annual recognition by submitting governing documents, membership lists, and anti-hazing declarations.

While initiation rites are not fully prohibited, they are tightly regulated. Organizations must apply at least seven (7) working days in advance, secure medical clearances for recruits, and conduct activities only within prescribed hours under school supervision. The policy extends to off-campus and online activities, with institutions and faculty advisers held accountable for non-compliance or failure to prevent harmful practices. The measure aims to strengthen student protection and institutional accountability.

[Link: https://cms-cdn.e.gov.ph/CHED/pdf/2026-CMO-6_Policies%20and%20Guidelines%20on%20the%20Regulation%20and%20Operation%20of%20HEI-based%20Organizations%20in%20the%20Prevention%20and%20Prohibition%20of%20All%20Forms%20of%20Hazing%20Affecting%20Students%20Well-being.pdf](https://cms-cdn.e.gov.ph/CHED/pdf/2026-CMO-6_Policies%20and%20Guidelines%20on%20the%20Regulation%20and%20Operation%20of%20HEI-based%20Organizations%20in%20the%20Prevention%20and%20Prohibition%20of%20All%20Forms%20of%20Hazing%20Affecting%20Students%20Well-being.pdf)

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Educational institutions should update internal policies and student handbooks to align with CHED requirements and establish centralized monitoring of all student organizations. Faculty advisers must be independent and properly trained to oversee compliance.

Schools should implement clear reporting mechanisms and ensure immediate response protocols for student safety concerns. Institutions are also encouraged to conduct regular anti-hazing education and promote alternative, non-harmful activities to foster student engagement.

* Agency Name

Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

* Issuance Title

Policies and Guidelines on the Regulation and Operation of HEI-based organizations in the Prevention and Prohibition of all Forms of Hazing Affecting Students' Well-Being

* Issuance Date

06 April 2026

* Link

Refer to summary

