



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

February 16, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

OSDS No. 042, s. 2025

**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF DEPED ORDER NO. 20, S. 2025
“OBSERVANCE OF FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS FOR MUSLIM TEACHING AND
NONTEACHING PERSONNEL DURING THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN”**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Cluster Heads/School Heads
Chiefs of Functional Divisions
Section/Unit Heads
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. Enclosed is DEPED ORDER NO. 20, s. 2025, **“Observance of Flexible Working Hours for Muslim Teaching and Nonteaching Personnel During the Holy Month of Ramadan”**.
2. The holy month of Ramadan will be observed from February 18 to March 19, 2026. During this period, Muslim teaching and nonteaching personnel will be performing fasting and other religious obligations.
3. In relation to this, all Muslim personnel across the country under permanent, job-order, contractual, casual, temporary, or contract of service personnel who fast while working during the Holy Month of Ramadan are permitted to work under flexible hours that begin from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and end from 3: to 5:30 p.m., without a noon break, to render a total of eight hours per day.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is hereby enjoined.


GILDO G. MOSQUEDA, CEO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosures: DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2025
References: DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2025
To be indicated in the *Perpetual Index* under the following subjects:

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **020**, s. 2025

**OBSERVANCE OF FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS FOR MUSLIM TEACHING
AND NONTEACHING PERSONNEL DURING THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) values the right of all teachers, learners, and nonteaching personnel to freely practice and enjoy their religious professions and worship without discrimination or preference under Section 5 of Article III (Bill of Rights) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.
2. With the upcoming Holy Month of *Ramadan* from **February 28 to March 29, 2025**¹, DepEd respects the rights of all Muslim personnel to fast during this time without affecting the continuous provision of basic education services to the general public. Alternative Delivery Modes (ADMs) are also recommended for Muslim personnel and learners who are in unusual circumstances, such as fasting throughout the day and praying at night and dawn, especially during the last 10 days of *Ramadan*.
3. In accordance with the government's efforts to recognize and enforce Philippine Muslim holidays, the following policies and resolutions were issued to regulate office hours for Muslim teaching, nonteaching, and related-teaching personnel in the Department during the Holy Month of *Ramadan*, as well as ADMs.
 - a. Paragraph 2 of Civil Service Commission (CSC) Resolution No. 81-1277 dated November 13, 1981, and Item 3 of Presidential Decree No. 322, s. 1973 modifies the official hours of work to allow Muslim personnel observing the fasting for the month of *Ramadan* to render hours of work from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. without a noon break;
 - b. Item 2 of DepEd Order (DO) No. 16, s. 2009 (Addendum to DepEd Memorandum No. 291, s. 2008 titled Guidelines for the Implementation of CSC Resolution No. 080096 on Working Hours for Public School Teachers) requires six hours of actual classroom teaching and two hours of work within or outside school premises for teaching personnel; and

¹ Based on the issuance of National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) titled "Observance of the Holy Month of Ramadhan 1446 HJRAH" dated 15 January 2025, subject for further issuance of NCMF on the exact date/period of the Holy month of Ramadan.

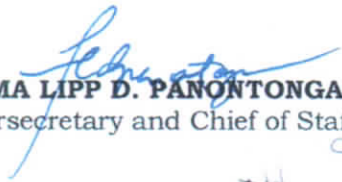
c. The ADMs as defined in Annex 3 (Flexible Learning Options: ADMs and Alternative Learning System) of DO 021, s. 2019 titled Policy Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program. Alternative Delivery Mode caters to learners who are officially enrolled in the formal system but face unique circumstances that hinder them from regularly attending classes in schools.

4. In relation to this, all Muslim personnel across the country under permanent, job-order, contractual, casual, temporary, or contract of service personnel who fast while working during the Holy Month of *Ramadan* are permitted to work under flexible hours that begin from **7:00 to 9:30 a.m.** and end from **3:00 to 5:30 p.m.**, without a noon break, to render a total of eight hours per day.

5. Muslim personnel and learners who are fasting during the day and praying at night and dawn in quest of ***Laylatul Qadr*** (Night of the Decree) are encouraged to observe ADMs only during the **last 10 days of *Ramadan***.

6. Orientation of Muslim parents and learners shall be conducted by the schools on the use of ADM during the last 10 days of *Ramadan*.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

References:

DepEd Order (Nos. 21 s. 2019; 023, s. 2018; and 16, s. 2009)
DepEd Memorandum No. 018, s. 2024

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