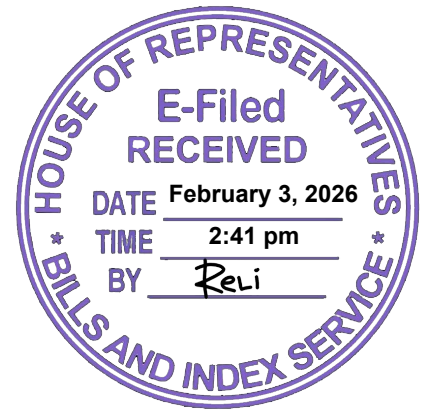


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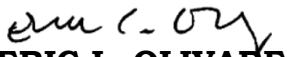
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Internship, practicum, and on-the-job training programs are essential components of higher education and technical-vocational learning, serving as the bridge between academic instruction and real-world work experience. However, the costs associated with completing these requirements such as transportation, meals, documentation, and other incidental expenses often place an added burden on students, particularly those from low-income families.

While existing laws have expanded access to education through free tuition and scholarships, there remains a gap in providing direct support to students as they complete mandatory internship or training requirements.

This financial constraint has, in some cases, delayed graduation or discouraged students from completing their programs.

This measure seeks to institutionalize a one-time internship allowance for qualified students in public and private higher education institutions and technical-vocational institutions, upon the successful completion of their required internship, practicum, or on-the-job training. By providing targeted financial assistance, the State affirms its commitment to inclusive and equitable education, supports timely program completion, and helps prepare students for a smoother transition from school to work.


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“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF INTERNSHIP ALLOWANCE FOR
STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
IN THE PHILIPPINES”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Title - This Act shall be known as the "Student Internship Allowance Act."

Section 2. Declaration of State Policy - It is the declared policy of the State to uphold the constitutional mandate to promote accessible and quality education for all, and to provide adequate support to students in the fulfillment of their academic and professional requirements.

The State recognizes that internship and practicum programs are integral to the development of a competent and job-ready workforce, and that the financial burden associated with these programs may hinder students from lower-income backgrounds from completing their education.

In this regard, the State shall institutionalize financial support for students who complete their required Internship or practicum, as a measure to foster inclusive growth, uphold equity in education, and encourage successful transition from school to work.

Section 3. Coverage- This Act shall apply to all Filipino students enrolled in any public or private Higher Education Institution (HEI) duly recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or in any Technical-Vocational Institution (TVI) accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), who are required to complete an internship, practicum, or on-the-job training (OJT) as part of their academic or certification requirements,

The grant of allowance shall be extended to students in undergraduate, diploma, certificate, and technical-vocational programs, whether enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis, provided they have satisfactorily completed the required number of internship, practicum, or On-the-Job (OJT) Training hours. Eligibility shall be certified by their respective HEI or TVI, based on their compliance with the approved curriculum or training program guidelines.

Section 4. Student Internship Allowance. - A one-time Internship Allowance in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) shall be granted to each qualified student provided they have:

- a) Completed the required number of internship/practicum hours as prescribed by their program;
- b) submitted all documentation and evaluation forms: to their institution; and
- c) have been certified by their HEI or TVI as having successfully completed their internship/practicum.

The one-time Internship Allowance in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) granted to each qualified student who successfully completed the internship, practicum, or on-the-job training (OJT) required by their academic or certification program shall serve as financial assistance to support the student's subsistence transportation, documentation, and incidental costs incurred during the internship period.

For the purposes of this Act, successful completion shall mean the student intern has:

- a) fulfilled the required number of internship or practicum hours as certified by the host training establishment and the HEI or TVI;
- b) submitted all post-internship reports, evaluations, and related documentation as required by their institution: and
- c) received a passing or satisfactory final assessment from both the institution and the host entity, if applicable.

The allowance shall be non-taxable and non-transferable and shall not be subject to any deductions by the host establishment or the educational institution.

Moreover, this Act shall not diminish other rights or benefits due to student interns under separate applicable laws or regulations.

Section 5. Appropriations. - The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current budget of the CHED and TESDA. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED and the TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall jointly issue an implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect,

Section 8. Repealing Clause, - All laws, presidential decrees executive orders, letters of instruction, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. - Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the implementing rules and regulations, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,