

**[OWWA MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS NO.
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**REVISED POLICY ON THE GRANTING OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCE
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SKILLS-FOR-EMPLOYMENT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (SESP I)**

Rationale for the Revisions

Under the existing SESP I guidelines, scholars are granted a monthly allowance of P 400.00 for the duration of the training. Such allowance is processed based on the attendance report submitted to the Manpower Development Division (MDD) by the tie-up schools and prepared on a monthly basis.

The existing arrangement has brought about the following major problems that hamper the timely processing of the scholars allowance:

1. Delay in the release of the allowance since MDD has to wait for the attendance report from the tie-up schools.
2. The centralized accounting system and the volume of allowance checks averaging one thousand monthly further delay the release.
3. With actual days of attendance in a month as basis for computation of the allowance and corresponding deductions made for absences, some students' net allowance in a month sometimes amounts to less than a hundred pesos.
4. Most graduates are penniless after their training, making the task of job-hunting even more difficult.

NEW SYSTEM

In the face of all these problem, the following revisions are hereby made:

1. Instead of the monthly allowance, OWWA shall give grantees a lump-sum financial incentive after the completion of the training subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The grantee must not have dropped any subject in the training module
 - b. The grantee must obtain an over-all average of not lower than 2.50 or its equivalent in the training module enrolled in.
 - c. The grantee must not have been involved in any untoward incident in his/her school or subjected to any disciplinary action.