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To Provincial Chief Secretaries,
Provincial Educational Secretaries,
Provincial Directors of Education,
Zonal Directors of Education,
Divisional Deputy/Assistant Directors of Education,
All Principals,

Admission of children into the Grade One in Schools

I hereby draw your attention to my previous circular No.29/2019 and date 24.05.2019 regarding the admission of children into grade one in schools, amendments thereto and the letters of instruction thereof.

Accordingly, the circular No.29.2019 (I) dated 11.07.2019 shall be cancelled hereby and the provisions related to following sections of the circular No 29/2019 shall be amended as follows for the year 2022 and onwards.

Henceforth, you are requested to take action as per the following amendments made to the said circular. Provisions in the circular No.29/2019, not been amended by this circular shall remain unchanged and the provisions in the circular No 16/2020 and date 26.05.2020 shall function as they are.

4.1 For the year 2022 and onwards, number of students selected from interview for one parallel class shall be 35. In addition, 5 students per class shall be selected under the special concessions granted for duties in area of operations. Accordingly, 40 students will be selected per one class.

7.1.5 When considering proximity from the place of residence, a circle with the radius from the main door of applicant's house to the main office of the school applying (If the primary section is located in separate premises, to the office in said premises) shall be drawn and marks will be deducted for schools within the said circle. When the primary section is located on separate premises, the distance shall be measured from there and not from the secondary section.

Even if a school is located within the said circle, only when barriers such as rivers, lagoons, marshlands, forest reserves, highways exist and the shortest travel distance by road to the said school is longer than the travel distance to the school applying, no marks shall be deducted for the said school. In this case, parents must provide the road map of travel distance with valid proof to the interview board.

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In order to check proximity in above occasions the map on the scale 1:10,000 prepared by the Department of Survey General will be used and in case of any doubt arises the Google map will also be used for making decisions.

When practical issues are arising regarding the calculation of travel distance, interview boards have the authority to take suitable impartial decisions valid for all in resolving such issues. All such decisions taken should be clearly recorded with reasons for the conclusions arrived at.

9.3.1 Only the second paragraph shall be amended as follows.

After subtracting the number of vacancies provided under the special concessions granted for duties in area of operations from the total number of vacancies for each class, the number of students selected for the relevant year should be decided. For the year 2022 and onwards, the number of students that can be selected from the interview would be 35. In addition to the temporary list, according to the priority of marks obtained, a temporary waiting list for each category should be prepared for 50% of the total number of vacancies.


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