



**Statement**  
**17 March 2020**

I have received complaints from students who are unable to comply with requirements of universities/colleges (examinations, reports, and assignments) using online/distance learning mode because of poor internet connection and the policy of home quarantine. HEIs must exercise leniency and help the students during these difficult times. CHED is monitoring the situation and will take the necessary corrective actions if HEIs do not act accordingly.

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