

DepEd Omnibus Guidelines on PTAs (2022) – Contradictory Provisions

This table presents the two contradicting provisions found in the same DepEd Order (Omnibus Guidelines on PTAs, s. 2022). They cause confusion regarding the timing of collections for Voluntary School Contributions (VSCs).

Provision	DepEd Order Reference	Exact Wording	Effect/Interpretation
Voluntary Contributions Anytime	Sec. 5.12 – Definition of Voluntary School Contributions (VSCs)	Voluntary School Contributions (VSCs) shall mean contributions that may be collected anytime	Implication: Collections may be made anytime
Collections Only from 3rd Month	Sec. 26.2 – Financial Matters (Collection Period)	All PTA collections shall begin on the third (3rd) month of the school year	Restricts official PTA collection activities to start from the 3rd month

Conclusion: Both provisions come from the *same DepEd Order (s. 2022)*. Section 5.12 allows collection ‘anytime,’ while Section 26.2 restricts collection to start only on the 3rd month. This contradiction has led to inconsistent memo interpretations by schools and PTAs.