



March 27, 2019

DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 03

Series of 2019

SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 05, SERIES OF 2018 RE "NEW SET OF GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACHIEVERS' AWARDS"

In the exigency of service, DA Department Order No. 05 Series of 2018 is further amended to update the guidelines for the conduct of the National Organic Agriculture Achievers' Awards. As such, the amended DO should now read as:

I. TITLE: NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACHIEVERS' AWARDS

The search is open to all **LGUs (Provinces, and Cities/Municipalities), Provincial and City/Municipal Focal Persons, Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), Farmers' Group, Small Farmer Individuals, Organic Farming Families, and Young Farmers** with exemplary contribution and unwavering support towards the implementation of RA 10068 and achievement of the National Organic Agriculture Program's envisioned goals.

CATEGORY	NO.OF WINNERS	AWARD
NATIONAL		
PROVINCE	1	Php 3,000,000 ¹
CITY/MUNICIPAL	1	Php 1,000,000 ¹
PROVINCIAL FOCAL PERSON	1	Php 50,000 ²
CITY/MUNICIPAL FOCAL PERSON	1	Php 40,000 ²
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORKER	1	Php 30,000 ²
SMALL FARMER INDIVIDUAL	1	Php 200,000 ²
FARMERS' GROUP	1	Php 500,000 ¹
ORGANIC FARMING FAMILY	1	Php 300,000 ²
YOUNG FARMER	1	Php 100,000 ²
REGIONAL		
PROVINCE	1	Php 500,000 ¹
CITY/MUNICIPAL	1	Php 300,000 ¹
PROVINCIAL FOCAL PERSON	1	Php 25,000 ²
CITY/MUNICIPAL FOCAL PERSON	1	Php 20,000 ²
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORKER	1	Php 15,000 ²
SMALL FARMER INDIVIDUAL	1	Php 50,000 ²
FARMERS' GROUP	1	Php 100,000 ¹
ORGANIC FARMING FAMILY	1	Php 50,000 ²
YOUNG FARMER	1	Php 30,000 ²

¹Grant+Plaque. Prize is in form of funding assistance to an Organic Agriculture project proposal of the winner.

²Cash Prize+Plaque

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following are the general provisions governing the Search:

- a. Only qualified nominees as defined in Section III (*Selection Criteria*) with complete portfolio shall be evaluated during the Search.
- b. Nominees for the Small Farmer Individual, Agricultural Extension Workers, Provincial and Municipal Focal Persons, Organic Farming Family, and Organic Young Farmer categories must not be related to and must not be a member of the Regional Technical Search Committee (RTSC).
- c. The rating period covered for evaluation is at least one (1) year preceding the Search.
- d. Only one (1) regional winner per category shall be considered for evaluation of the NTSC.
- e. In case an entry is the only nominee, the entry should still undergo and qualify in the field validation to be declared winner to the search
- f. The top nominee shall have a minimum score of 80% to be declared as winner.
- g. The winners shall be approved and declared by the NOAB and are considered final and irrevocable.
- h. All portfolios and other documents submitted for evaluation shall be in digital format and become the property of the Department of Agriculture.
- i. Nominees for the Gawad Saka Outstanding Organic Farmer Category are no longer allowed to participate in the NOAAA Small Farmer Individual Category.
- j. The previous year's national winners are not allowed for nomination for a year in the same category under the NOAAA Search.
- k. A nominee who wins the same award three times within 10 years will be included in the NOAAA Hall of Fame.

III. SELECTION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the National Organic Agriculture Achievers' Awards, the following should be met:

A. LGU (PROVINCE and CITY/MUNICIPALITY)

1. Qualifications

- a. At least 3% of the total of agricultural area¹ is devoted to organic farming excluding in-conversion as of 2018. Organic by default areas shall be included provided that support services were extended;
- b. Must have an Organic Agriculture Local Technical Committee (LTC);

¹Area of production for livestock and aquaculture shall be computed according to Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture and Aquaculture

- c. Must have an Organic Agriculture ordinance; and
- d. Organic agriculture must be included in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP) with corresponding budget allocation;

2. Documents required Province (Annex A); City/Municipality (Annex B)

B. PROVINCIAL FOACL PERSON

1. Qualifications

- a. Must be an active organic agriculture focal person for at least two (2) years;
- b. Assisted at least 20% of the total organic agriculture production area of the province; and
- c. Must be endorsed by the Provincial Local Technical Committee (PLTC) to the Regional Technical Search Committee (RTSC).

2. Documents required (Annex C)

C. CITY/MUNICIPAL FOCAL PERSON

1. Qualifications

- a. Must be in service to organic agriculture program for at least two (2) years;
- b. Assisted at least 20% of the total agricultural land area devoted to organic agriculture of the city/municipality; and
- c. Must be endorsed by the Municipal Local Technical Committee (MLTC) to the DA- Regional Field Office.

3. Documents required (Annex D)

**D. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
WORKER**

1. Qualifications

- a. Must be in service to organic agriculture program for at least one (1) year during the said period as attested by the Municipal Agriculture Officer (MAO)/ Municipal Agriculturist (MA);

- b. Assisted at least five (5) Organic Agriculture Program, Activities and Projects (PAPs); and
- c. Must be endorsed by the MLTC to the DA-Regional Field Office.

2. Documents required (Annex E)

E. SMALL FARMER INDIVIDUAL

1. Qualifications:

- a. Must be an organic agriculture practitioner who is on small-scale farming or aquaculture activities as their primary source of income and cultivates not more than three (3) hectares of agricultural land;
- b. Must have an endorsement from the Barangay Chairman that the nominee is a resident of the locality, a Filipino citizen and of good morale character; and
- c. Must submit a copy of the following documents: farm records, farm reports of operations, expenses and incomes immediately preceding the evaluation period.

2. Documents required (Annex F)

F. FARMERS' GROUP

1. Qualifications

- a. A people's organization engaged in organic farming for at least three (3) years duly registered under Philippine laws (SEC, CDA, DOLE, DSWD);
- b. Must have a good track record in the development and management of organic agriculture projects and/or has the institutional capability to implement such projects; and
- c. Must have an established and operational Internal Control System (ICS) for at least one (1) year.

2. Documents required (Annex G)

G. ORGANIC FARMING FAMILY

1. Qualifications

- a. Major source of income should be organic farming for a period of **at least three (3) years**;

- b. Must have an endorsement from the Barangay Chairman of the family members working in the farm as residents of the locality, are Filipino citizens and are of good morale character;
- c. The parents are full-time farmers or engaged in farming and the family members are actively participating in organic farming activities;
- d. Any one member of the family must be an active member of an agriculture-based organization

2. Documents required (Annex H)

H. YOUNG FARMER

1. Qualifications

- a. Must be an organic agriculture practitioner, farmer, and an advocate for at least two (2) years, and must be endorsed by three (3) eligible community leaders/groups/ organizations³;
- b. Must have an endorsement from the Barangay Chairman that the nominee is a resident of the locality, a Filipino citizen and of good morale character;
- c. Must be fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old at the time of nomination⁴; and
- d. Must be a member of any organization promoting Organic Agriculture.

2. Documents required (Annex I)

IV. SELECTION PROCESS

A. REGIONAL SEARCH

1. Qualified nominee shall be endorsed by the PLTC and/or MLTC to the RTSC;
2. The RTSC shall:
 - a. Evaluate the submitted documents in accordance with the guidelines and score sheets formulated by the NTSC;
 - b. Select shortlisted nominees;
 - c. Conduct field validation of shortlisted nominees; and
 - d. Declare a regional winner and endorse the nominee and its complete documentary requirements to the NTSC.

³ Endorsement from Regional Focal Person, Municipal Agricultural Office and Provincial Agricultural Office, Head or President of the specific OA organization.

⁴Based on RA 8044: The Youth in Nation-Building Act under Section 2. Policy: "The State hereby declares that "Youth" is the critical period in a person's growth and development from the onset of adolescence towards the peak of mature, self-reliant and responsible adulthood comprising the considerable sector of the population from the age of fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years."

Two (2) committees shall conduct the evaluation and selection process of the search namely: National Technical Search Committee (NTSC) and Regional Technical Search Committee (RTSC).

A. National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB)

1. Composition

Chairperson:	NOAB Alternate Chair	DA Office of the Secretary
Members:	NOAB Members	Government Agencies and Private Sectors

1. Function

- a. Approve and declare the winners

B. National Technical Search Committee (NTSC)

1. Composition

Chairman:	National Program Coordinator, NOAP/NOAP-NPCO
Co-Chairperson:	Deputy Program Coordinator, NOAP
Members:	Field Operations Service (FOS)
	Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance and Services (AMAS)
	Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)
	Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
	Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
	Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
	Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)
	Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)
	National Organic Agriculture Program – National Program Coordinating Office
Secretariat:	NOAP-NPCO

2. Functions

- a. Formulate guidelines and score sheet to be used in the search;
- b. Evaluate submitted documents endorsed by the RTSC;
- c. Select shortlisted nominees;
- d. Conduct and deliberate results of field validations;
- e. Endorse winners to the NOAB; and
- f. Conduct post-evaluation of the process implemented and set plans for the program and activities in the succeeding years.

C. Regional Technical Search Committee (RTSC)

Department of Agriculture Regional Field Units and, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF)-ARMM shall spearhead the formation of Regional Technical Search Committee.

1. Composition

Chairperson	Regional Technical Director for Operations
Co-Chairperson	Organic Agriculture Program Focal Person
Members	ATI Regional Center Director
	Regional Agricultural and Fisheries Council (RAFC)
	Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD)
	Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID)
	Regulatory Division
Secretariat	Organic Agriculture Program Staff

2. Functions

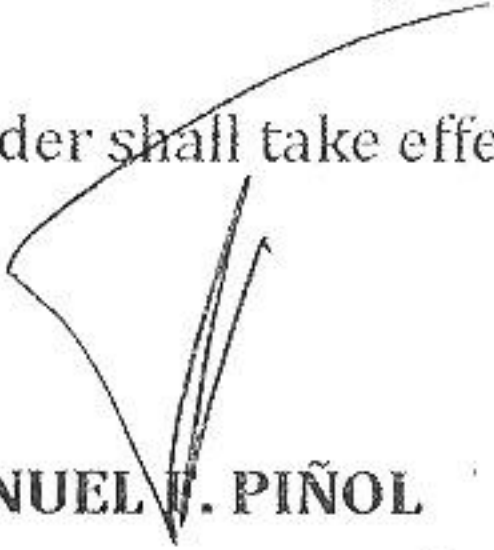
- a. Evaluate submitted documents and nominees endorsed by the PLTC;
- b. Select shortlisted nominees;
- c. Conduct field validation;

- d. Deliberate results of field validations;
- e. Endorse winners to the NTSC; and
- f. Conduct post-evaluation of the process implemented and set plans for the program and activities for the succeeding years.

Provision of funds for the prizes/grants to the winners shall be chargeable against the NOAP Organic Agriculture funds subject to availability and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All Orders, Memoranda, or other issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby suspended, modified or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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