



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 15
 Series of 2018

REQUIRING THE APPLICANTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEARNING SITES, SCHOOLS FOR PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE, AND EXTENSION SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TO BE CERTIFIED ORGANIC OR TO HAVE AN ON-GOING APPLICATION FOR THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION THEREBY AMENDING THE REVISED PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND GUIDELINES CY 2016 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEARNING SITES FOR AGRICULTURE AND SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 09 SERIES OF 2016 OR THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA No. 10068 to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10068 (RA 10068) or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that nationwide educational and promotional campaign for the use and processing, as well as the adoption of organic agricultural system as a viable alternative is essential in achieving the over-all objective of the Act to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Rule 9.3 of the IRR of RA 10068 provides that the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) shall immediately adopt existing guidelines for the accreditation of the relevant extension service providers (ESPs) on organic agriculture. Such accreditation guidelines shall be submitted to the NOAB for final review and approval;

WHEREAS, Rule 9.5 of the IRR of RA 10068 states that the ATI shall encourage, support and provide continuous lifelong learning of all organic technologies and practices through the establishment of learning sites and schools for practical agriculture;

WHEREAS, during the NOAB Technical Committee Meeting on March 21, 2018, the NOAB recommended to require applicants for the establishment of learning sites, schools for practical agriculture, and extension service providers on organic agriculture to be certified organic or to have an on-going application for third-party certification;

WHEREAS, the NOAB deemed it appropriate to harmonize all the requirements for all projects and activities under the National Organic Agriculture Program, and that these requirements should be in consonance to RA 10068;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has resolved, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to require the applicants for the establishment of learning sites, schools for practical agriculture, and extension service providers on organic agriculture to be certified organic or to have an on-going application for third-party certification.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the ATI shall amend the Revised Program Document and Guidelines CY 2016 for the Establishment of Learning Sites for Agriculture and School for Practical Agriculture, and Administrative Order No. 09 Series of 2016 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations on Accreditation of Private Organic agriculture Extension Service Providers to comply with the directives of the NOAB. The ATI shall then present the amended guidelines to the NOAB for recommending approval.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that all members of the NOAB, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director of the ATI be furnished with copies of this resolution for guidance and appropriate action.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board via referendum:




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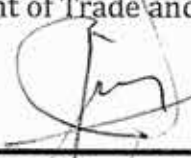
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