

Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture

NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

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NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD Resolution No. <u>21</u> Series of 2019

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) ON ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICE PROVIDERS (OA ESP)

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

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 Program;

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 OA ESPs:

WHEREAS, NOAB Resolution No. 15 Series of 2018 requires applicants for the establishment of learning sites, schools for practical agriculture, and OA ESPs to be third-party certified or have an on-going application;

WHEREAS, the ATI, in adoption of NOAB Resolution No. 15 Series of 2018, provided the amendments to Administrative Order No. 9 Series of 2016 or the IRR on Accreditation of Private Organic Agriculture Extension Service Providers;

WHEREAS, the revised IRR includes the following major revisions, as recommended by the NOAB: (1) organic certification or an on-going application for third-party certification as a requirement for accreditation of OA ESPs; (2) a BS degree or Trainers Methodology Certification, and a National Certificate II for Organic Agriculture Production (OAP NC II) as requirements for In-house Trainers; and (3) a BS degree, Trainers Methodology Certification, and OA NC II as requirements for Faculty On-Call;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to recommend for the approval of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations on Accreditation of Private Organic Agriculture Extension Service Providers;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the draft revised IRR shall be endorsed for review of the Legal Service of the Department.

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RESOLVED, FINALLY, that once the draft Department Order has been found to have no legally objectionable provisions, the ATI shall endorse the document to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Department Secretary.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board on the $17^{\rm th}$ day of July 2019 in Makati City:

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	Department of Agriculture (DA) Date signed:
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	ASEC. ROOSQUE B. CALACAT
D	Vice - Chairperson
Depar	tment of Interior and Local Government Date signed:

ASEC. MA. CELERINA G. AFABLE Permanent Representative Department of Agrarian Reform Date signed:	DIR. JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA Permanent Representative Department of Education Date signed:
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