

Republic of the Philippines
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
East Service Road, South Luzon Expressway, Taguig, Metro Manila

141st TESDA BOARD MEETING
16 August 2023, Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
TESDA Board Room, 7th Floor, TESDA Main Building,
East Service Road, Taguig City

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**APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT FEES FOR VARIOUS QUALIFICATIONS IN THE
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY (AFF) SECTOR**

WHEREAS, Section 8, paragraph 9, of Republic Act No.7796 or the Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994 empowers the TESDA Board to "exact reasonable fees and charges for such tests and trainings conducted and retain such earnings for its own use, subject to guidelines promulgated by the Authority";

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 31, Series of 2012, directs and authorizes all heads of departments, bureaus, commissions, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the national government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), to rationalize the rates of their fees and charges, increase their existing rates and impose new fees and charges;

WHEREAS, the DOF – DBM – NEDA Joint Circular No. 1-2013 provides the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Administrative Order No. 31, Series of 2012, on the Rationalization of Rates of Fees and Charges, Increase in Existing Rates, and Imposition of New Fees and Charges;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the DOF – DBM – NEDA Joint Circular No. 1-2013 states that the determination of the rates of fees and charges shall consider the direct costs of rendering the service based on current appropriation, which shall include the cost of supplies and materials, salaries and wages of personnel directly involved in the service, and the proportionate share in the expenses of the agency or department, including the depreciation costs of the equipment used;

WHEREAS, to implement the intent of the above-cited Joint Circular, the TESDA Secretariat through the Qualifications and Standards Office (QSO) initiated the review of the assessment fees and pursued a five-step process, as follows:

1. Conduct Assessment Fee Workshops with the Technical Experts;
2. Presentation of the Proposed Assessment Fees to National Tax Research Center (NTRC);
3. Presentation of the Proposed Fees to the TESDA Board Joint Standards-Setting and Systems Development and Finance Committees;
4. Conduct of Public Hearing(s) for the Proposed Assessment Fee(s); and,
5. Approval and Promulgation of Assessment Fees by the TESDA Board for nationwide implementation.

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WHEREAS, the NTRC enhanced the formula in the determination of Assessment Fees to expound the Direct and Indirect Cost Items;

WHEREAS, "direct costs" are defined as costs that can be clearly and/or specifically identified with the conduct of assessment, and/or contribute to accomplishing the goal of assessment;

WHEREAS, "indirect costs" are defined as costs that are necessary for the functioning of the Assessment Center (AC) but which cannot be directly and/or easily traced to the conduct of assessment; and/or contribute to accomplishing the goal of the assessment. These are also expenses incurred in the conduct of assessment which includes the operating costs. Also termed as the overhead cost which is the amount left after deducting the direct costs;

WHEREAS, a ten percent (10%) recovery cost is included on top of the determined direct and indirect costs to form part of the proposed assessment fees;

WHEREAS, the following were considered in the determination of assessment fees:

- Costs of supplies, materials, tools, and equipment are based on current market prices;
- Rates of utilities (water, electricity) are based on the average regional costs;
- Costs of rental for facility/building are based on the guidelines of NTRC;
- Salaries and wages are based on the Occupational Wage Survey and cumulative inflation rate;
- Rate of Assessor's Fee is based on TESDA Board Resolution No. 49, s. 2020.
- Reusability of tools/equipment is maximized without compromising safety;
- Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) serve as a reference when identifying the cost elements in the Assessment Fee.

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WHEREAS, the Members of the TESDA Board present during the 6th Joint Finance-Standards Setting and Systems Development Committees (F-SSSDC) TESDA Board-TESDA Secretariat Consultation Meeting held on 20 April 2016 agreed that the assessment fees shall be subject to review based on the following:

1. Indicators in the industry or the economy that may have a significant impact on certain cost items which were included in the computation of the assessment fees such as but not limited to:
 - cost of electricity;
 - cost of rental; and
 - mandated minimum wages and others, if applicable.
2. The assessment fees shall be reviewed after two (2) years unless prior cost items indicated in the computation of the assessment fees will have a significant impact that might necessitate an earlier review;

WHEREAS, TESDA Board Resolution No. 2005-15 was issued approving and promulgating the Training Regulations for Agricultural Crop Production NC I under the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector held on 4 August 2005 during the 47th TESDA Board Meeting;

WHEREAS, TESDA Board Resolution No. 2007-14 was issued approving and promulgating the Training Regulations for Animal Health Care and Management NC III under the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector held on 20 April 2007 during the 55th TESDA Board Meeting;

WHEREAS, TESDA Board Resolution No. 2021-04 was issued approving and promulgating the Training Regulations for Rubber Production NC II under the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector held on 9 February 2021 during the 127th TESDA Board Meeting;

WHEREAS, during the 61st and 62nd TESDA Board Joint FSSSDC Meetings held on 18 and 31 May 2023, respectively, the Members of the said Committees and the TESDA Secretariat deliberated on the experts' proposed assessment fees for these qualifications in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector and favorably endorsed the same for the consideration and approval of the TESDA Board;

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WHEREAS, the technical computations of the assessment fees for the various qualifications in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector are hereby appended as **Annex "A"** and shall form an integral part of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, stakeholders' national consultation was held virtually using the Zoom platform on 15 June 2023 to ensure that the proposed assessment fees for various qualifications were properly disseminated and discussed with the stakeholders, pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Administrative Order No. 31, Series of 2012. The list of participants is hereby appended as **Annex "B"** of this Resolution to form an integral part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the TESDA Board in its meeting today, 16 August 2023 at 1:00 P.M, has approved the assessment fees for various qualifications in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Sector, as follows:

Agricultural Crop Production NC I

- COC 1 – Eight Hundred Twenty-One Pesos (PhP 821.00)
- COC 2 – Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Pesos (PhP 837.00)
- COC 3 – Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Pesos (PhP 838.00)
- COC 4 – Eight Hundred Eighty-One Pesos (PhP 881.00)

Animal Health Care and Management NC III

- COC 1 – Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Pesos (PhP 926.00)
- COC 2 – Eight Hundred Eleven Pesos (PhP 811.00)
- COC 3 – Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Pesos (PhP 858.00)
- COC 4 – Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Pesos (PhP 783.00)

Rubber Production NC II

- COC 1 – One Thousand Three Pesos (PhP1,003.00)
- COC 2 – Nine Hundred Four Pesos (PhP 904.00)
- COC 3 – One Thousand Ninety-one Pesos (Ph 1,091.00)
- COC 4 – Eight Hundred Twenty-one Pesos (Php 821.00)
- COC 5 - One Thousand Sixty-two Pesos (Php 1,062.00)
- Full Assessment – One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Pesos (Php 1,645.00)

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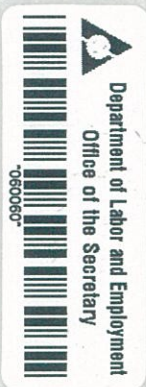
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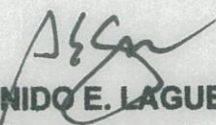
An assessor's fee of Three thousand one hundred ninety-two pesos (PhP 3,192.00) is applied for ten (10) candidates or Three hundred nineteen pesos and twenty centavos (PhP 319.20) per candidate for every assessment activity of the above qualifications.

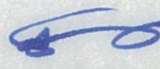
BE IT RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and one (1) newspaper of general circulation, and disseminated to all concerned, and the same shall be effective fifteen (15) days upon Official Gazette publication as aforementioned;

BE IT RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the TESDA Secretariat is directed to issue the appropriate Implementing Guidelines within thirty (30) days from the date of effectivity of this Board Resolution. All accredited competency assessment centers and assessors under this Resolution must comply with the aforementioned fees and the Implementing Guidelines under penalty of suspension or revocation of accreditation as appropriate, after due process.

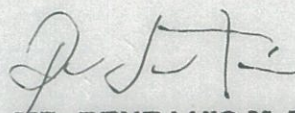
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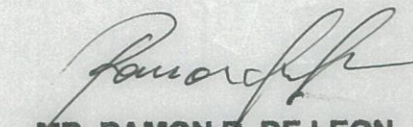


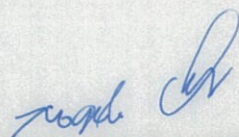

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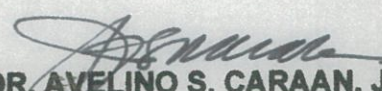

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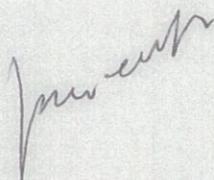



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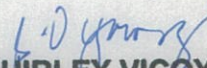

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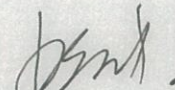


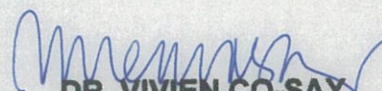


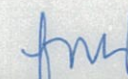
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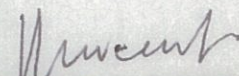
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