TESDA CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: Implementing Guidelines on the Deployment of Amended Training Regulations (TRs) and Conduct of Competency Assessment and Certification for Plumbing NC III		Page 1 of 3 Pages Number 44 series of 2016
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In the interest of the service and to provide quality and uniform program delivery, as well as ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the deployment of the amended Training Regulations on Plumbing NC III and implementation of competency assessment and certification, the following Implementing Guidelines are hereby issued:

I. BACKGROUND/LEGAL BASIS

TESDA Board Resolution No. 2014-06 dated October 1, 2014: Approving the Amendments of the Training Regulations for Plumbing NC III.

II. OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the Training Regulations to better respond to industry demands for competencies that are readily employable, environment-friendly and compliant with the industry requirements.
- To strengthen the industry-academe linkages to address the "skill-jobs mismatch" in the sector.
- To develop the training and assessment and certification infrastructure for the development of industry workers in the sector.
- To ensure the utilization of the newly promulgated Training Regulations.

III. COVERAGE

Existing registered programs (With Training Regulations) and assessment and certification related to Plumbing NC III as well as applications for program registration of said Training Regulations shall be covered by this Circular.

IV. GENERAL POLICIES

The existing promulgated TR for Plumbing NC III promulgated last October 26, 2006 **is deemed superseded** by this newly amended TR approved and promulgated thru TESDA Board Resolution No. 2014-06 dated October 1, 2014. Implementation shall be guided by the following general policies:

A. PROGRAM REGISTRATION

1. To ensure the utilization of this TR, all Regional/Provincial Directors shall immediately advocate/encourage and facilitate the registration and re-registration of programs of the amended TR.
2. All registered programs related to Plumbing NC III shall be subjected to migration **within a period of one (1) year upon the effectivity of this Circular.** Programs

which are not migrated within the prescribed period shall be subject to closure proceedings in accordance with the UTPRAS guidelines (TESDA Circular No. 07 series of 2016);

3. All Regional/Provincial Directors are hereby instructed to process applications for program registration within the allowable process cycle time (PCT) indicated in the Revised Process Cycle Time for Program Registration (TESDA Circular No. 35 series of 2016).

B. ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

1. The assessment and certification of Plumbing NC III for this promulgated TR shall follow the Quality Procedures Manual on Competency Assessment and Certification and the provisions in Section 4 – Assessment and Certification Arrangements of said TRs.

2. Holders of National Certificates (NCs)/ Certificates of Competency (COCs) for this qualification are required to undergo assessment under the amended Training Regulations (TRs) upon expiration of their NCs or COCs.

C. CONDUCT OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

1. Qualification of Competency Assessor

1.1 For Trainer-Assessor

- Holder of National TVET Trainer Certificate Level I (NTTC I) on Plumbing NC III;
- Registered Master Plumber
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years industry experience (plumbing works)
- Must have completed the 40-Hour Construction Safety Training Course per Department Order No. 13 s. 1998

1.2 For Industry Assessor

- Holder of National Certificate in Plumbing NC III
- Holder of Certificate of Competency (COC) in Conduct Competency Assessment under the Trainers Methodology Level I (TM I)
- Must have at least three (3) years relevant industry experience

2. Competency Assessment Tools (CATs)

Per promulgated assessment fee on Plumbing NC III, a new version of CATs shall likewise be deployed. Aside from the assessment method, design and time allocation, the CATs emphasized the requirements for size of assessment center's facility, tools and equipment, supplies and materials.

3. **Assessment Fee**

The assessment fee for Plumbing NC III shall be based on the promulgated TESDA Board Resolution No. 2016-20 issued on September 21, 2016 in the amount of **Php1,400.00**. This includes the assessor's fee of **Php 200.00**

4. **Mandatory Assessment**

4.1 All TVIs with UTPRAS registered programs on Plumbing NC III must ensure mandatory assessment of their graduating students.

4.2 The list of certified individuals will be uploaded in the online Registry of Certified Workers (RWACs).

5. **Integrity Fortification**

For integrity fortification, implementation of assessment and certification shall strictly adhere to the Guidelines on Assessment and Certification under the Philippine TVET Competency Assessment and Certification System (PTCACS) and Quality Procedures Manual on Assessment and Certification.

V. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect as indicated and supersedes all other issuances inconsistent hereof. Wide dissemination of this Circular by all concerned is hereby enjoined.

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