TESDA CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: Implementing Guidelines on the Deployment of Amended Training Regulations (TRs) and Conduct of Competency Assessment and Certification for Pharmacy Services NC III		Page 1 of 3 Pages Number 25 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 Pharmacy Services NC III and implementation of competency assessment and certification, the following Implementing Guidelines are hereby issued:

I. BACKGROUND/LEGAL BASIS

1. TESDA Board Resolution No. 2015-16 dated December 16, 2015: Approving the Training Regulations for Pharmacy Services NC III;

2. The developments related to the Republic Act 5921, An Act Regulating the Practice of Pharmacy and Setting Standards of Pharmaceutical Education in the Philippines and Other Purposes;

3. Food and Drug Administration Circular No.2014-025 dated 21 November 2014: Guidelines on the Implementation of New Rules and Regulations on the Licensing of Drugstore/Pharmacy/Botica and Similar Outlets following DOH Administrative Order No. 2014-0034, dated 13 October 2014.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. 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.

2. To strengthen the industry-academe linkages to address the "skill-jobs mismatch" in the sector.

3. To develop the training and assessment and certification infrastructure for the development of industry workers in the sector.

4. To ensure the utilization of the newly promulgated Training Regulations

III. COVERAGE

1. Existing WTR-registered programs and assessment and certification related to Pharmacy Services NC II as well as applicants for registration of programs of the amended Training Regulations for Pharmacy Services NC III shall be covered by this Circular.

IV. GENERAL POLICIES

The implementation of the TR for Pharmacy Services NC III promulgated on December 16, 2015 shall be guided by the following general policies:

A. PROGRAM REGISTRATION

1. To ensure the utilization of this TRs, all Regional/Provincial Directors shall immediately advocate/encourage and facilitate the registration and re-registration of programs.

2. All registered programs related to Pharmacy Services NC II 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 Procedures Manual on Program Registration.

B. ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

1. The assessment and certification of Pharmacy Services 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 TR.

2. A National Certificate (NC) is issued when a candidate has demonstrated competence in all the units of competency that comprise the Training Regulations for Pharmacy Services NC III.

C. CONDUCT OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

1. Qualification of Competency Assessors

1.1 For Trainer-Assessor

- Holder of National TVET Trainer Certificate Level I (NTTC I) on Pharmacy Services NC III with at least 2 years relevant pharmacy industry experience.
- Must be a graduate of Pharmacy
- Must have attended relevant training and seminars in pharmacy operations.

1.2 For Industry Assessor

- Holder of National Certificate in Pharmacy Services NC III;
- Holder of Certificate of Competency (COC) in Conduct Competency Assessment under the Trainers Methodology Level I (TM I); and
- Must have at least 2 years relevant industry experience

2. **Assessment Fee**

The assessment fee for Pharmacy Services NC III is amount of **PHP 750.00** based on the promulgated TESDA Board Resolution No. 2016-09 last May 13, 2016.

3. **Integrity Fortification**

Integrity fortification of assessment and certification shall be strictly adhered to through the implementation of the following measures:

- Conduct of Capability Building Program for Regional Lead Assessors;
- Pre-scheduled assessment;
- Competency Assessor shall be assigned by the Provincial/District Director on a rotation basis;
- Presence of a technical TESDA Representative during the entire conduct of assessment;
- Calibration of Competency Assessors.

4. **Mandatory Assessment**

4.1 All TVIs with UTPRAS registered programs on Pharmacy Services 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.

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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