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In the interest of service, and to fully implement the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC II and III, the moratorium on the registration and migration of training programs and the accreditation of new assessment centers for Emergency Medical Services NC II is hereby lifted.

Be guided on the following guidelines in the registration and migration of training programs and accreditation of new assessment centers for the EMS NC II:

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Training Regulations (TR) for Emergency Medical Services NC II (Ambulance Care Assistant with 280 hours) was promulgated on December 17, 2013 through TESDA Board Resolution No. 2013-16 while its Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) was deployed on June 26, 2014.

2. Said TR is an amendment of Emergency Medical Services NC II (960 hours) promulgated in April 20, 2006. However, in view of the issues raised by the stakeholders / industry practitioners, the implementation of the 2013 TR for EMS NC II was put on hold.

3. The experts and the industry practitioners agreed that the EMS NC II promulgated in 2006 will remain as the TR in use, until such time that the EMS NC III is promulgated. Hence, the moratorium on registration of the EMS (Ambulance Care Assistant with 280 hours) NC II programs and accreditation of Assessment Centers and Competency Assessors was issued through TESDA Circular No. 068 series of 2018 dated October 23, 2018.

4. TESDA Circular No. 140 s. 2020 on Implementing Guidelines on the Deployment of Training Regulations (TRs) and Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) for Emergency Medical Services NC III was issued last November 20, 2020.

II. GUIDELINES

1) The Emergency Medical Services EMS NC II (Ambulance Care Assistant with 280 hours) promulgated in December 17, 2013 shall be implemented upon lifting of the moratorium. The Regional and Provincial Offices shall now register programs, accredit Assessment Centers and Competency Assessors for said qualification.

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2) The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC II (960 hours) promulgated on April 20, 2006 is superseded by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC III (944 hours) promulgated on December 17, 2013. Hence, all registered programs under EMS NC II (960 hours) shall be migrated to EMS NC III (944 hours).

3) Accreditation of existing Assessment Centers for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC II (960 hours) shall be migrated to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) NC III in compliance to the requirements indicated in the Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) of the amended Training Regulations.

4) The Capability Build-Up Program for Regional Lead Assessors for EMS NC II (280 hours) was conducted last May 28-30, 2018; while the capability build-up program for EMS NC III (944 hours) was conducted last February 23-26, 2021.

5) The Regional Directors are instructed to immediately conduct the capability build-up program for Provincial Lead Assessors through the Certified Regional Lead Assessors (RLA) for EMS NC II (280 hours) and EMS NC III (944 hours) upon approval of this Circular.

6) TTIs/TVIs with on-going programs and with enrolled learners on EMS NC II (960 hours) are allowed to complete and finish the training program. The graduates shall undergo assessment using the old Competency Assessment Tools.

7) Migration period for EMS NC II (960 hours) will start on October 18, 2021 up to October 17, 2022.

The Regional and Provincial Offices are hereby enjoined to disseminate the provisions of this Circular to all concerned institutions and assessment centers to ensure standard implementation in your area. The Certification Office is instructed to include this concern in their CO CARES for the Regional and Provincial Offices.

This Circular shall take effect as indicated and shall remain in force until revoked.

For strict implementation and compliance.

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