TESDA CIRCULAR

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In the interest of the service and to provide quality and uniform program delivery, the following Guidelines in the deployment of the Competency Standards (CS) for **Vegetable Seed Production Level** III is hereby issued:

I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

1. The TESDA Act of 1994 (Republic Act No. 7796) defined TESDA as the authority in the "establishment and administration of National Trade Skills Standards (NTSS)." The NTSS eventually evolved into the present-day training regulations (TRs) following the reforms instituted by the agency for the country's TVET, particularly along competency-based, education and training. As such, TESDA is mandated by law to develop and update the competence of the country's industry workers to enhance their employability and ensure long-term economic development.

2. TESDA Circular No. 009 series of 2024 on Implementing Guidelines on Adopt- Adapt Strategies for Competency Standards/ Training Review and Development states that the adopt-and-adapt strategy allows the faster development of standards, and strengthens the quality assurance mechanisms for immediate program delivery. It focuses on the skills needs as characterized by the industries/employers in the area. Industry, participation and thus, a direct relationship, is established with these industry partners keeping TESDA informed on the workforce needs and development;

3. Furthermore, the same TESDA Circular provides the implementation of adopt-adapt mechanism ensures the development of competency standards that are acknowledged/recognized at the national/local, regional, and global levels. This would be crucial in providing valuable support to the emerging needs of the industries and catering to the needs of the workforce for it to become workplace-ready;

4. The institutionalization of the Area-Based and Demand Driven (ABDD) process in the registration of the new and emerging skills under the No Training Regulation (NTR) program has paved the way for the localized development of Competency Standards.

5. To address the demand of vegetable seed producers by offering a comprehensive and standardized training program that aligns with both industry and national competency standards. This program will equip the vegetable seed producers with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform effectively in the field. Further, providing the appropriate equipment and tools in producing vegetable seeds that meets the industry requirements, contributing to efficient and safe vegetable seed production.

6. The abovementioned Competency Standards (CS) was developed through a series of consultation meetings and workshops spearheaded by the Bohol Agri-Fishery Industry Board (BhAFIB) with the technical experts from agriculture industry, TVIs, TTIs and academe of the Province of Bohol, Region VII.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. To immediately respond to industry skills requirement for vegetable seed production with the goal to produce competent individuals equipped with 21st Century Skills and compliant to the existing industry standards and practices;

2. To strengthen the industry-academe linkages addressing the "skills-jobs mismatch" in critical sectors; and

3. To ensure that the education and training providers shall deliver the programs in accordance with the above-mentioned CS as required for the development of industry workers in the agriculture sector.

III. SCOPE/COVERAGE

This CS shall be the basis for the development of the Competency-based Curriculum (CBC), which shall be submitted by the education and training providers registering the program at the TESDA Provincial/District Offices.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANICS

1. Utilization of the Developed CS

1. To ensure the utilization of this CS, all Regional/Provincial/District Directors shall immediately advocate/encourage the registration of the abovementioned program; and

2. The copy of the CS will be made available and can be downloaded from the TESDA website.

2. Program Registration

1. All Regional/Provincial Directors are hereby instructed to process applications for program registration as "No Training Regulations" (NTR) following the Omnibus Guidelines on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Program Registration (TESDA Circular No. 107 series of 2021) and within the allowable process cycle time (PCT) of three (3) working days indicated in the existing guidelines (TESDA Circular No. 073 s. 2019). Further, the education and training providers shall develop and submit the competency-based curriculum with number of training

hours and appropriate lists of tools, materials, equipment and facilities for training and assessment.

2. To standardize the program implementation and ensure that they are in accordance with the CS, National Institute for Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD) and Regional Offices/Provincial Offices (ROPOs) shall assist in the development of the Competency- Based Curriculum (CBC).

3. The following codes shall be applied for this CS:

Qualification Title	Vegetable Seed Production Level III
Qualification Code	AB-AFFVSP0701242325
Unit Code	**Unit Title**
Basic Competencies	
400311319	Lead workplace communication
400311320	Lead small teams
400311321	Apply critical thinking and problem-solving techniques in the workplace
400311322	Work in a diverse environment
400311323	Propose methods of applying learning and innovation in the organization
400311324	Use information systematically
400311325	Evaluate occupational safety and health work practices
400311326	Evaluate environmental work practices
400311327	Facilitate entrepreneurial skills for micro-small-medium enterprises (MSMEs)
Common Competencies	
AFF321201	Apply safety measures in farm operations
AFF321202	Use farm servicing tools and equipment
AFF321203	Perform estimation and calculations
AFF321205	Process farm wastes
SOC 413206	Maintain service records
AFF 723201	Conduct Diagnosis
AFF 723202	Perform Shop Maintenance

Core Competencies	
AB-AFF0701242611301	Prepare vegetable seeds
AB-AFF0701242611302	Establish germplasm
AB-AFF0701242611303	Perform plant breeding and post-harvest operations
AB-AFF0701242611304	Comply vegetable crop variety registration

3. Institutional Assessment of Graduates

1. The education and training providers shall ensure the conduct of institutional assessment after the completion of the training program;

2. The education and training providers (including the enterprises where trainings are conducted) shall issue the Training Certificate after completion of the training and passing the institutional assessment of graduates.

V. Scholarship Provision

1. A scholarship training subsidy shall be allocated/provided to enrollees of the registered training program; and

2. Training cost shall be computed based on the submitted curriculum where the training hours and list of tools, materials and equipment are indicated.

VI. RISK MANAGEMENT

The wide implementation of this program has potential risks, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Standard implementation of competency standard across all regions.

2. Limited number of registered training providers to offer CS.

3. Non-existence of policy to address the migration of No Training Regulations (NTR) to TVET Registered Programs with Competency Standards (CS)

To mitigate, if not eliminate the risks, the following measures shall be undertaken.

1. Deploy the competency standards and its implementing guidelines for common understanding and uniform implementation.

2. For the ROPODO to extensively encourage providers to utilize the CS for program registration.

3. To discuss with relevant offices on the development of policy on migrating NTR programs with developed CS.

VII. MONITORING AND FEEDBACK SYSTEM

1. The Regional and Provincial/District Offices (ROPODO) shall closely monitor the implementation of the registered programs under this CS; and

2. The ROPODO shall require the education and training providers with registered program under this CS to report the enrolled, graduates and employed in the T2MIS as part of the regular monitoring and feedback system.

VIII. EFFECTIVITY

The This Circular shall take effect as indicated. Wide dissemination of this Circular by all concerned is hereby enjoined.

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