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**CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF HYBRID RICE SEED  
GROWERS**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7308, otherwise known as the Seed Industry Act of 1992 and upon approval of the National Seed Industry Council, the following criteria for accreditation are hereby enforced to provide and sustain the adequate supply of hybrid rice seeds of desired quality.

1. The applicant must be an individual hybrid seed grower, seed growers cooperative/association and seed company.
2. For individual hybrid rice seed grower, he must:
  - a. be a graduate of Hybrid Rice Seed Production training course conducted by PhilRice, BPI, ATI, DA-RFU, and LGUs;
  - b. have undertaken hybrid rice seed production for at least 2 seasons, wet and dry; and
  - c. be willing to undergo retooling course at his expense every three years before renewal of accreditation.
3. For seed growers' cooperative/association and seed company, it must:
  - a. be duly registered with either the Securities and Exchange Commission or Cooperative Development Authority;
  - b. have members who have finished the Hybrid Rice Seed Production training courses for both dry and wet seasons conducted by PhilRice, BPI, ATI, DA-RFU, and LGUs; and
  - c. require its members to undergo retooling course every three years before renewal of accreditation at its own expense.
4. The production area should be fully irrigated, preferably with supplementary source of irrigation, good drainage system and relatively with fertile soil.
5. The minimum effective area for hybrid rice production must be a compact area of five (5) hectares. However, for individual seed grower with less than 5 hectares, temporary accreditation will be issued within the period of three years. Renewal of accreditation will not be issued unless the minimum compact area of 5 hectares is