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RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE ACCREDITATION OF MOUNTAIN GUIDES

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 120 the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated to govern the accreditation of mountain guides.

Chapter I

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms - When used in these Rules, the following terms shall, unless the context otherwise indicate, have the following meaning:

- a. **Mountain Guide** - shall mean an individual who guides tourists, both foreign and domestic to mountain and forest areas for a fee, commission, or any other form of lawful remuneration.
- b. **Local Mountain Guide** - shall mean an individual who guides tourists, both foreign and domestic to mountain and forest areas located in a specific region or particular locality in the Philippines, for a fee, commission, or any other form of lawful remuneration.
- c. **National Mountain Guide** - shall mean an individual who guides tourists, both foreign and domestic to mountain and forest areas in any part of the Philippines for a fee, commission, or any other form of lawful remuneration.
- d. **Department** - The Department of Tourism.
- e. **Accreditation** - A certification issued by the Department that the holder is recognized by the Department as having complied with its minimum standards in the operation of the establishment concerned or in exercise of a certain profession.

Chapter II

Standard Requirements for a Mountain Guide

SECTION 2. Who May Apply - Only resident Filipino citizens, at least eighteen years of age, physically and mentally fit, and of good moral character may qualify for accreditation.

SECTION 3. Requirements for Issuance of Accreditation - An applicant for accreditation as mountain guide shall submit the following:

- a. Proof that the applicant has passed a seminar for mountain guides duly conducted by the Department or other agencies duly authorized by the Department to conduct the seminar.
- b. Certificate of good health issued by any duly accredited government physician;