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## **RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE ACCREDITATION OF CAVE GUIDES**

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

### Chapter I Definition

*Section 1. Definition of Terms.* — When used in these rules, the following terms shall, unless the context otherwise indicate, have the following meaning:

- a. *Caving* — shall mean any activity that involves the exploration of caves or underground passages and features except wet passages when explored with the use of scuba diving equipment;
- b. *Cave Guide* — shall mean an individual who guides tourists, both foreign and domestic, inside caves which have been identified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and/or other concerned agencies, both government and private as suitable for tourism and recreational purposes, for a fee, commission, or any other form of remuneration;
- c. *Department* — the Department of Tourism
- d. *Accreditation* — a certification issued by the Department that the holder is recognized by the Department as having complied with its minimum standards in pursuit of caving activities.

### Chapter II Standard Requirements for Accreditation of Cave Guides

*Section 2. Who May Apply.* — A resident Filipino citizen or a permanent resident alien who is 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 cave guide shall submit/comply with the following:

- a. Certification issued by the Philippine Cave Guides Association, Inc. (PCGAI) or any other duly recognized caving clubs/organization by the Department of Tourism and by the National Cave Management Committee or concerned Regional Cave Management Committee of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) that the applicant has the necessary caving skills and equipment as well as the experience in guiding others inside natural caves or underground rivers;