

[DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7, June 24, 1996]

REVISED CRITERIA FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF SEED PRODUCERS

Pursuant to the implementation of the Seed Act, and the need to provide and sustain adequate supply of seeds of the desired quality the following criteria for accreditation of seed producers are hereby promulgated.

1. That he must be an individual farmer or a member of cooperative/seed association/farmer organization.
2. That he must have undergone training on seed technology and gained skills and experiences on the basic principles and practices in producing the crop he/she is involved in.
3. For seed association, cooperatives and farmer organizations, the names of each member with their corresponding area planted for seed production must be submitted to seed certifying agency before any accreditation is issued, in cases where new members are accepted by the association, cooperatives and farmer organizations after accreditation the seed certifying agency must be notified in writing the new membership including among others the area-planted and the location of their farms.
4. That the seed must be produced in suitable areas inspected and duly certified by the seed inspector. The suitability of an area is determined by the following:
 - a. sustained irrigation throughout the year;
 - b. access to seed post harvest equipment and storage facilities;
 - c. the agro-climatic conditions for growing the crop seed must be appropriate.
5. That the minimum effective area for the particular crop (rice, corn, field legumes) must be one (1) hectare.
6. The application for seed certification for any crop must indicate seed class to be produced, variety, area to be planted and location of the farm. This shall be filed with the Seed Certifying Agency two months before planting time.
7. That he/she is willing to have the field inspected by the Seed Inspector or authorized representative of the DA/BPI Seed Certifying Agency any time before planting throughout the growing period, harvesting including threshing, processing and storage of the seeds. He should also be willing to have his/her seed lot sampled and to allow the seed inspector to draw the required amount of seed samples for