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Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Accreditation of Private Extension Service Providers (ESPs) for the Provision of Extension Services
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The AO aims to:

- a. Hasten and improve the delivery of extension services to the Department of Agriculture's client system;
- b. Provide opportunities and wider participation of the private sector in the conduct of agricultural extension services:
- c. Recognize the efforts and capabilities of private institutions/service providers dedicated to the delivery of agriculture and fisheries extension services; and
- d. Provide a variety of training program/extension activities for farmers and fisherfolk in support of the thrusts of the agriculture and fisheries modernization program.

## **Salient Extension Provisions**

Section 15. Technical Capability

- a. The ESP must be able to administer training and other training-related services especially in community organizing, use of participatory approaches, popularization of training materials, regenerative agricultural technologies, agribusiness and management skills, and is operating at the municipal/ provincial/ region-wide area for local level ESPs, and in two or more regions for national level ESPs.
- b. The ESP must have training designs and summary of evaluation results of at least ten (10) trainings conducted for the last five years.

## **ATI Obligations**

Section 27. Records and Retention of Documents. ATI shall maintain the documents of the accredited ESP for a retention period of five years after the validity of the accreditation has expired.

Section 28. Database of Accredited ESPs. ATI shall maintain a database of accredited ESPs that shall be available to the public upon request and for a fee of one hundred pesos (Php 100) per copy.

Section 29. Notification of Changes in the Accreditation Procedure. ATI shall notify the ESPs relevant changes in its accreditation process.

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