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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 2019-142

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) CHIEF MINISTER, BARMM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND FIELD OFFICERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED.

**SUBJECT :** APPLICATION FOR TESDA ACCREDITATION OF BARANGAY HEALTH STATIONS (BHSs) AND RURAL HEALTH UNITS (RHUs) AS TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS

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Republic Act (RA) No. 7883 also known as "The Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentive Act of 1995" provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and to provide conditions for health empowerment, where each individual has access to information and services that will bring about health and well-being."

RA No. 7796, otherwise known as "Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Act of 1994" empowers TESDA to establish and maintain a system of accrediting, coordinating, integrating, monitoring and evaluating formal and non-formal technical vocational education and training programs.

TESDA implements the Training Regulation for Barangay Health Services NC II, a technical-vocational program that recognizes the indispensable roles that the frontline health workers play in providing primary health care in our barangays.

The Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) play a major role in providing primary health care services in the community. In order for them to be globally competitive skilled workers, they need to be trained, assessed, and certified. The Department of Health recommended for the accreditation of Barangay Health Stations (BHSs) and Rural Health Units (RHUs) as assessment and training centers.

TESDA would like to inform the local government units (LGUs) that BHSs and RHUs can apply for accreditation as training and assessment centers through the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) process of TESDA.

For details about the program, LGUs may coordinate directly with their respective TESDA Regional and Provincial Offices.

All DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular to all LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



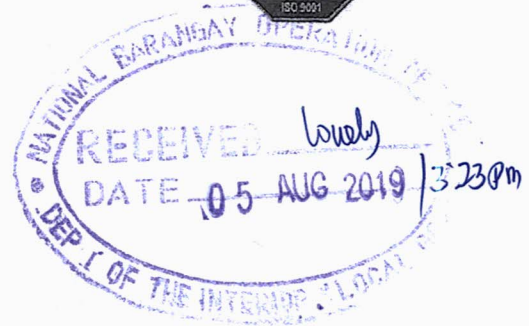
**EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
Secretary





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**HONORABLE EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
 Secretary  
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Dear **Secretary Año**:

Greetings from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority!

This has reference to a letter of the Department of Health dated May 20, 2019 regarding the accreditation of Barangay Health Stations (BHS) and Rural Health Units (RHUs) as assessment and training center with their respective local health officers as assessors and trainers.

This is in line with the implementation of the Training Regulation for Barangay Health Services NC II. The Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) play a major role in providing primary health care services in the community. In order for them to be globally competitive skilled workers, they need to be trained, assessed and certified. The DOH recommended that BHS and RHUs could be utilized as training and assessment centers.

In this regard, may we request assistance from you thru the LGUs to inform these BHS and RHUs thru an advisory that they can apply for accreditation as training centers and assessment centers following TESDA's quality-assured Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) processes on program registration and accreditation of assessment centers, trainers and assessors.

We look forward to your support and commitment in the implementation of the above-mentioned programs. For further details, please contact our Senior Technical Staff Focal, Edwin G. Maglalang through email: [egmaglalang@tesda.gov.ph](mailto:egmaglalang@tesda.gov.ph) or at telephone no. 818-77-28.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours

**SEC. ISIDRO S. LAPENA, PhD., CSEE**  
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