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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Memorandum Circular No. 41, series of 2024

"General Guidelines On The Provision Of Agricultural Machinery, Equipment And Facilities  
FY2024 Onwards"

1. Is a Training Certificate required for the operator before the project turnover?

Yes. As stipulated in Section 6, Item No. 4 of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 41, Series of 2024: General Guidelines on the Provision of Agricultural Machinery, Equipment, and Facilities FY 2024 Onwards.

The required training certificates must be issued by any of the following:

- a. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) – National Certificate (NC) II
- b. Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)
- c. Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech)
- d. DA Regional Field Offices (DA-RFOs)
- e. Other accredited training centers recognized by the agencies above

Furthermore, as stated in the guidelines, the operator's training certificate must be submitted on or before the turnover of the intervention. Compliance with this requirement is strictly enforced to ensure proper implementation and accountability.

2. Is the submission of an ABE Pre-Validation Report mandatory?

Yes. The ABE Pre-Validation Report is a required document for project proponents as stated under Section 6.1.

For FCA/ ARBO/ IA/ CSO/ LSA as recipient, a pre- validation report signed by an Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE) in the P/ C/ MLGU is required. In the absence of an ABE in the respective LGU, the pre-validation report could be signed by the ABE in the province, at a minimum (MC No. 41, S. 2024, Annex A.2);

For Local Government Unit (LGU) as recipient, a pre- validation report signed by an Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE) in the P/ C/ MLGU is required. In cases where there' s no existing ABE office in the LGU, the requesting LGU must provide a commitment through a Sangguniang Bayan Resolution stating the creation of ABE Office or hiring of ABE within 2 years upon receipt of the requested intervention and must be engage during the implementation of the project (MC No. 41, S. 2024, Annex A.8).





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For Agricultural Schools/SUC as recipient, a pre-validation report signed by an Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE) in the P/ C/ MLGU where the requested agri-fisheries machinery and infrastructure should be placed is required. In the absence of an ABE in the respective LGU, the pre- validation report should be signed by the ABE in the province, at a minimum (MC No. 41, S. 2024, Annex A.9).

Therefore, all proponents shall undergo pre-validation by the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE) in the Provincial, City, or Municipal Local Government Unit (P/C/MLGU). In cases where the requesting proponent does not have an ABE in its jurisdiction, the concerned LGU shall submit a Sangguniang Bayan Resolution stating the creation of an ABE Office or the hiring of an ABE within two (2) years from the receipt of the requested intervention.

3. Is Civil Society Organization (CSO) accreditation required for project recipients?

Administrative Circular No. 3, Series of 2022, titled Revised Guidelines on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Be Engaged by the Department of Agriculture (DA) as Partners in the Implementation of Agriculture and Fishery Projects, and Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 21, Series of 2023, titled Supplemental Provisions to the Revised Guidelines on Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Be Engaged by the Department of Agriculture as Partners in the Implementation of Agricultural and Fishery Programs/Projects, mandate that CSO accreditation is required for all 'in-kind' projects provided to beneficiaries with a total value of Php 1 million and above. Under the Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Financing and Investment Program (AMEFIP), such projects typically include four-wheel tractors, combine harvesters, and hauling vehicles.

Conversely, MC No. 41, Series of 2024, does not specify a minimum project amount but instead sets forth the general eligibility requirements for project provision.

Accordingly:

- a) For projects amounting to Php 1 million and above, MC No. 21, Series of 2023, shall prevail, requiring CSO accreditation.
- b) For projects below Php 1 million, MC No. 41, Series of 2024, shall apply, following the minimum eligibility requirements outlined therein.

This ensures compliance with the applicable regulations governing project provision and recipient eligibility.

