

BASIC INFORMATION

Application And Issuance Of Registration, License And Accreditation:

1. **Registration** applies to Auxilliary Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) that intends to/currently engaged in social welfare and development activities
2. **Registration and licensing** applies to private Social Welfare Agencies (SWAs) including Resource Agencies providing direct services.
3. **Accreditation** applies to all licensed SWAs and Resource Agencies providing direct services, DSWD, local government units (LGUs) and other national government agencies (NGAs) implementing social welfare and development programs and services
4. **Exemption:**
 - a. The following are exempted from the registration and license and will only be subjected to accreditation:
 - a.1. LGU community based and residentioan care services
 - a.2. DSWD community based and residential care services
 - a.3. National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Government Owned and controlled Corporations (GOCCs) Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Services like Day Care and Child Minding Services, etc.
 - b. Those NGOs created by law
5. **Benefits and privileges of Registered, Licensed and/or Accredited SWDAs**
 - a. *Registered SWDAs:*
 - a.1. Inclusion in the DSWD's Registry of Registered, Licensed and/or Accredited SWDAs
 - a.2. Technical Assistance from the DSWD on programs and services implementation
 - a.3. Participation in DSWD's capability building and skills enhancement
 - a.4. Endorsement for duty free entry of foreign donations
 - a.5. Other benefits and privileges provided from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Department
 - b. *Licensed SWAs and Resource Agencies providing direct services*

In addition to the benefits and privileges indicated in **item 5-a**, the following benefits shall be enjoyed:

- b.1. Financial subsidy or resource augmentation for program implementation subject to availability of funds and compliance with the DSWD requirements
 - b.2. Recommendation to avail of Subsidized Power Rate Program
- c. *Accredited SWDAs*

Aside from the benefits indicated in **item 5- a and b** an automatic extension of the validity of the registration and license certificate will be granted based on the expiration date of the issued accrtediation certificate. The following are additional benefits depending on the level of compliance to set standards:

- c.1. Level 1 of Accreditation
 - Documentation of good practices and success stories will be featured on DSWD annual report and Social Welfare and Development Journals as well as posting on the DSWD website
 - Endorsement of project proposals
 - c.2. Level 2 of Accreditation
 - Paper presentation abroad, depending on available opportunities;
 - Nomination for travel local and abroad to participate in relevant training/conferences as part of the Philippine delegation
 - c.3. Level 3 of Accreditation
 - Plaque of recognition and cash incentive
 - Recognized as a model SWDA and laboratory for trainings and research
 - Authority to undertake training on their expertise and charge corresponding fees
 - Recommendation for a seat on appropriate councils in areas where expertise is required
6. Application for registration or registration and license of a private SWDA operating within a region shall be filed at the concerned DSWD Field Office while SWDA operating in more than one region shall be filed at the DSWD Central Office Standards Bureau.
 7. The Standards Bureau is responsible for the accreditation of SWAs.
 8. The DSWD Field Office (FO) is responsible for the accreditation of ECCD programs and services
 9. Accreditation is to be conducted per facility/center, per implementation of community based programs and services and per area/s of coverage.
 10. Accreditation assessment of all the programs and services of SWAs and Resource Agencies providing direct services will be assessed within the three (3) years validity period of the issued registration certificate and license to operate
 11. Non-application for accreditation of programs and services is ground for non-renewal of the registration certificate and license to operate
 12. All registered, licensed and/or accredited SWDAs are qualified to become ABSNET members to strengthen cooperation and coordination among area based intermediaries.