

**[DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 36, S. 2000,
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**REVISED CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF SEED POTATO
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 potato producers are hereby promulgated.

1. That he/she must be an individual farmer/grower or a member of the cooperative/seed association/farmer organization or private corporation/company.
2. That he/she must undergo training on seed potato production or have gained substantial skills and experiences on the basic principles and practices in seed potato production.
3. For seed association, cooperative or farmer-organization, the names of each member with their corresponding area planted for seed production must be submitted to the Seed Certifying Agency before any accreditation is issued. In cases where new members are accepted by the seed associations, cooperatives and farmer-organization 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 minimum area for seed production is 0.5 ha.
5. That the seed must be produced in suitable areas inspected and duly certified by the Seed Inspectors or any authorized representative of the Seed Certifying Agency.

The suitability of the area is determined by the following:

- a) The field should be free from Potato cyst nematode and with a maximum of 10 colony form unit (10 cfu) of bacterial wilt organism per seed lot. Certificate of soil analysis for potato cyst nematode and bacterial wilt organism from the Seed Certifying Agency or its accredited Seed Potato Indexing Laboratories should be attached together with the application for accreditation.
- b) The field for seed production must have been rotated preferably with corn and other cereal crops for at least 2 cropping seasons.
- c) The field should be accessible to seed storage facilities.