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Administrative Order No. 13  
Series of 2016

**Subject : AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDELINES OF THE MASTER IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT-MAJOR IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MPM-RD) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the three rural development line agencies of the National Convergence Initiatives (NCI): Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), committed a total of 400 scholars to the program: 170 from DAR, 120 from DA and 110 from DENR;

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order (AO) No. 17, pertaining to the synergy efforts of the DA, DAR, DENR, the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the University of the Philippines (UP) in implementing a Project entitled Master in Public Management major in Rural Development (MPM-RD) Scholarship Program was signed into Order last June 2013;

**WHEREAS**, statement No. 7 under Letter C, Eligibility Requirements of the program of Section 1, General Framework of AO No. 17 provides that applicants "Must have rendered at least two (2) years in the Department/Agency, bureau and/or attached agency/office as a permanent employee and obtained performance ratings of Very Satisfactory for the last two (2) rating periods;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has failed to employ and hire personnel to vacant positions for a period of nine (9) years, from 2005 up to 2014, due to Executive Order No. 366 released in 2005;

**WHEREAS**, the Department is having difficulties to recruit eligible employees to the program because of the eligibility requirements of the Administrative Order mentioned above;

**WHEREAS**, to answer this difficulty in order to meet the commitment of the Department to the program, there is a need to supplement/amend the current Administrative Order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**, do hereby order the amendment of Administrative Order No. 17, Guidelines on the MPM-RD Scholarship Program, specifically statement no. 7, to wit:

#### SECTION I

#### GENERAL ARTICLE

#### C. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must hold a permanent position at the time of application and must have rendered at least two (2) years of aggregated service in the Department/Agency, Bureau and/or Attached Agency/office and obtained performance ratings of Very Satisfactory for the last two (2) rating periods;

**EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**  
Secretary

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