Salient Features of the Go Negosyo Act

- The law seeks to promote "job generation and inclusive growth through the development of MSMEs" in the country.

- Establishment of "Negosyo Centers" in all provinces, cities, and municipalities to promote "ease of doing business and facilitate access to services for MSMEs within its jurisdiction.”

- Technology Transfer, Production and Management Training, and Marketing Assistance for MSMEs.

- Establishment of a Philippine Business Registry Databank under the Department of Trade and Industry to serve as a database of all business enterprises in the country.

- Establishment of a Start-up Fund for MSMEs to provide financing for the development and promotion of MSMEs in priority sectors of the economy to be sourced from the MSME Development Fund and BMBE Fund.

- Reconstitution of the MSME Development Council and its additional functions.

- Designation of DTI as sole agency to issue Certificate of Authority for BMBE to avail of benefits and incentives under R.A. 9178: BMBE Act of 2002.

To know more about the law, read the full text at www.dti.gov.ph or SME Laws and Incentives.

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AN ACT PROMOTING JOB GENERATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Republic Act No. 10644

“GO NEGOSYO Act”

Bringing government services closer to small business through the establishment of Negosyo Centers.

Further boost assistance to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to grow and flourish.

Intensify the promotion of entrepreneurship in the country.
5. What are the functions of the Negosyo Centers?

The Negosyo Centers will be responsible for promoting "ease of doing business and facilitating access to services for MSMEs within its jurisdiction". The Centers shall have the following functions.

a) Business Registration Assistance
   i. Accept and facilitate all new registration and renewal application of MSMEs, including application for Barangay Micro-Business Enterprise (BMSE);
   ii. Coordinate with the respective local government units (LGUs) and liaise with concerned government agencies to process the duly accomplished forms submitted by the MSMEs;
   iii. Implement a unified business registration process preferably through automated systems such as the Philippine Business Registry (PBR);

b) Business Advisory Services
   i. Assist MSMEs in meeting regulatory requirements to start and sustain the business;
   ii. Build local support networks and establish market linkages for MSME development through the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Council and DTI;
   iii. Facilitate access to grants and other forms of financial assistance, shared service facilities and equipment, and other support for MSMEs through national government agencies (NGAs);
   iv. Ensure management guidance, assistance and improvement of the working conditions of MSMEs;
   v. Co-organize with the local chambers of commerce, other business organizations and government agencies, a mentoring program for prospective and current entrepreneurs and investors;
   vi. Conduct other programs or projects for entrepreneurial development in the country aligned with the MSMEs development plan.

c) Business Information and Advocacy
   i. Provide information and services in training, financing, marketing and other areas as may be required by MSMEs;
   ii. Establish and maintain a databank which will support business information requirements of MSMEs;
   iii. Promote ease of doing business and access to services for MSMEs within its jurisdiction;
   iv. Support private sector activities relating to MSMEs development;
   v. Encourage government institutions that are related to the business application process to help promote information regarding the Negosyo Center;
   vi. Coordinate with schools and related organizations on the development of youth entrepreneurship program;
   vii. Encourage women entrepreneurship through access to information, training, credit facilities, and other forms of assistance.

d) Monitoring and Evaluation
   i. Monitor and recommend business-process improvement for MSMEs;
   ii. Establish a feedback mechanism among the MSMEs in the respective jurisdiction of Negosyo Centers.

6. Who can avail of the services offered by the Negosyo Centers?

Any person, natural or juridical, having the qualifications as defined in Section 3 a) of the Republic Act No. 9178 may avail of the service, to wit: "...refers to any business entity or enterprise engaged in the production, processing or manufacturing of products or commodities, including agro-processing, trading and services, whose total assets including those arising from loans but exclusive of the land on which the particular business entity's office, plant and equipment are situated, shall not be more than Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000.00). The above definition shall be subject to review and upward adjustment by the SMED Council, as mandated under Republic Act No. 6977, as amended by Republic Act No. 8289.

7. Who are the members of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Council?

The members of the Council are Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and representatives from the MSMEs and women sectors and Small Business Corporation. There is an Advisory Unit whose members are government agencies, government and private financing institutions, labor and academic representatives.