



Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Manila



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**DEPARTMENT ORDER )**  
**NO. 39 )**  
**Series of 2025 )**

**SUBJECT : Issuance of Waiver for DPWH Accredited Private Testing Laboratory (PTL) Services**

on 3/6/2025

In order to ensure that all Star-Rated DPWH Materials Testing Laboratories are utilized to the fullest and optimize their enhanced testing capabilities, all DPWH Implementing Offices shall utilize to the fullest their Star-Rated Regional and District Materials Testing Laboratories (R/DMTLs) and to issue a waiver only as a last resort when availing the services of DPWH accredited Private Testing Laboratories (PTLs).

In view hereof, issuance of the waiver shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Only the DPWH Regional Director can issue the waiver. If the star-rated DMTLs cannot accommodate the testing of the construction materials, they have to refer the materials samples for testing at the RMTL.
2. In the case of projects implemented by the DPWH-Unified Project Management Offices (UPMOs), the waiver shall be issued by the Regional Director of the DPWH Regional Office which has territorial jurisdiction over the location of the projects.
3. When issuing the waiver, the concerned DPWH Implementing Office must ensure that the testing of construction materials will not be conducted by accredited PTL(s) owned by or connected to the contractor of the project wherein the construction materials samples will be used/incorporated thereby ensuring that the test results on materials samples will not be self-serving and preclude conflict of interest.

Henceforth, all DPWH Implementing Offices shall submit a semestral Report of Income Generated from Testing Fees to the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS) every July of the current year and January of the succeeding Fiscal Year in order to monitor compliance to this Order as well as the utilization of the equipment/apparatus of the Star-Rated and Satellite MTLs.

Attached is the prescribed format of the Waiver to be used for this purpose.

This Order supersedes Department Order No. 85, Series of 2019 and takes effect immediately.

  
**MANUEL M. BONOAN**  
Secretary

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Encl.: Waiver

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(Date)

## CERTIFICATION/WAIVER

This is to certify that our Star-Rated Regional Materials Testing Laboratory (RDMTL) cannot accommodate the testing of the construction material(s) submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Supplier/Contractor)

intended for use in the DPWH Project: \_\_\_\_\_

implemented by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Materials/Samples


### Required Test(s)


due to the following reason(s):

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Voluminous construction materials being tested. Project implementation will be affected/delayed.

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Laboratory Testing Equipment needed is/are not available.

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Chemicals/supplies needed to conduct the required test(s) are not available

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Others:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Certification/Waiver is being issued to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Supplier/Contractor)

which authorizes them to avail the services of DPWH accredited Private Testing Laboratories (PTLs) subject to the current policies of the Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Regional Director)