

ARTA to LGUs: Implement Business One-Stop Shops

1 January 2021 – The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) is calling on all local government units (LGUs) to fully implement their Business One Stop Shops (BOSS) for this year’s business registration and business license renewals. Starting this January, ARTA shall be conducting a series of on-the-spot inspections on LGUs in the National Capital Region and other Highly Urbanized Cities.

The LGUs’ compliance will be audited based on the requirements of Republic Act 11032 and other existing policies of ARTA, the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Information and Communications Technology on the BOSS.

Some of the important requirements and features that are expected from the BOSS of LGUs are the following: a (a) single window for submission of all requirement, (b) Unified Application Form containing all required questions by all the offices involved in permits process, (c) three simple step process of submission, assessment/payment and release, (d) presence of a clear and complete Citizen’s Charter, (e) integration of Barangay Clearance, (f) Integration of Fire Safety Inspection/Evaluation Clearance, and (g) an application of processing that shall not exceed three days.

The LGUs who will be found to be non-complying with all requirements shall receive Notice of Deficiencies and may be subjected to a formal investigation which may result to an administrative case.

Director General Jeremiah Belgica also reminds all LGUs that the statutory deadline for the creation of their Electronic Business One Stop Shops (EBOSS) is only until June 17, 2021 which is three years from the effectivity of R.A. 11032. LGUs who still have no EBOSS may use the Electronic Business Permitting and Licensing System or eBPLS developed by DICT which is already available for free. This is in line with the President’s directive to bring government transactions and services online.

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