

RESEARCH STUDY



THE LEGAL COMPETENCY OF COOPERATIVE OFFICERS ON RA 9520 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008” IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

Objectives

Specifically, the following research questions were addressed:

- 1. What is the demographic profile of the respondents?**
- 2. How can the respondent’s legal competence/knowledge on RA 9520 or The Philippine Cooperative code of 2008 be described?**
- 3. Is there a significant relationship between respondents’ demographic profile and their legal knowledge?**
- 4. Is there a significant relationship between respondent’s legal knowledge and trainings attended?**

Highlights

A descriptive type of research was utilized to correlate respondent's legal competency and demographic profile. A Legal Knowledge Test (LKT) and evaluated Test was construed by the researcher. The content of the Legal Knowledge Test (LKT) are drawn from the R 9520 otherwise known as "The Philippine Cooperative Code 2008; Pearson correlation, Chi-square, frequency, and percentage were the statistical instruments used to analyzed the collected data.

Major findings in terms of demographic profile revealed that most of the respondents were college graduate, 156 or 68.7% . Majority of the respondent's 183 or 80.6% scored 21 to 40 which described them with good legal competence. Managers got the highest mean score of 28.5417, it can be described that respondent cooperative hired a legally competent officer.

It was further established that the correlation between demographic profile and Legal Competency on age, sex, number of years as member, position, mode of assumption in the position and educational attainment was not significant except for the length or number of years in the position revealed with significant relationship.

It was further established that the correlation between respondent's LKT score and trainings attend was significant to the following: training

1. Basic Cooperative Course,

2. Cooperative Management and governance training.

3. Financial Management and training

5. Parliamentary procedures. The correlation established justified especially to training

1. Basic Cooperative Course module focused on the provisions of RA 9520 and its implementing Rules and Regulations which improved respondent's legal competency.

Recommendation

In summary, the findings in the Legal Knowledge Test suggested that the board of directors together with Education and training committee should formulate and implement education program supported with budget for officers, employees and members annually. The Education and Training Committee should implement approved Education program and must see to it that the required trainings for specified in Rule 7 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Ra 9520. The Election Committee should implement disqualification of elected and appointed officers to be re-elected or re-appointed for non-attendance of training and including experience for the qualification to become officer of cooperative. Elected and appointed officers upon assumption on their position should adhere to the training requirements of Rule 7 of IRR of RA 9520 and consider training as one of the duties and responsibilities of a cooperative officer.

Provide cooperative officers a copy of RA 9520 to serve as one of the handbooks of every cooperative officer. LGU and other stakeholders/partners on cooperative development in Pampanga should propose and sponsor trainings on the seminars for cooperative especially for micro and small size without enough Education and training Fund to be utilized. The training will improve skills of elected and appointed officers in the management and supervision of cooperative that will result to sustainable growth and development thus, increase the size of their asset from micro and small to medium and large asset size. It could also be attained through operation in consistent with existing cooperative law.

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