



Legal Watch

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-23



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
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Amending DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2025-36 or the Guidelines for the Processing of Applications for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) for Projects on Boracay ('Order')
- * Issuance Date**
29 April 2026
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SUMMARY

Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the DENR DAO No. 2025-36 entitled “Guidelines for the Processing of Applications for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) for Projects on Boracay” were amended by the Order, as follows:

- [1] **Sec. 3 of DAO 2025-36**, as amended, now provides that New National Government Projects include projects that serve public interests and welfare, such as water supply, energy generation and supply, ports, telecommunication, and other public infrastructure.
- [2] **Sec. 4. of DAO 2025-36**, as amended, defines “Existing Projects” as projects that are constructed or have begun construction on Boracay Island prior to the issuance of DAO 2025-36 but have not secured an ECC or CNC.
- [3] **Sec. 5. of DAO 2025-36**, or the Requirements for Processing of Environmental Compliance Certificate, as amended, provides additional requirements for the following projects:

PROJECT	NEW REQUIREMENT
New government projects and expansion projects	Geohazard Identification Report
All land development projects except housing and subdivision projects	Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) endorsed Engineering Geological and Geohazard Assessment Report (EGGAR). EGGAR is required prior to any ground disturbance, construction or project implementation
Existing projects without an ECC	Geohazard Assessment Report



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In addition it provides that:

1. The submission of an Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau letter of endorsement based on a carrying capacity assessment report is dispensed with as a requirement for ECC applications
2. Proof of submission to the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Checklist, demonstrating that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental carrying capacity of Boracay Island shall form part of the requirements for an ECC;

[4] **Sec. 6. of DAO 2025-36**, or the Requirements for Processing of Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC), as amended, now includes, among the documentary requirements, proof of submission to the concerned LGU of the Project Description, demonstrating that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental carrying capacity of Boracay Island.

Please see the Order for the full provisions.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

All Project Proponents for developments in Boracay Island, whether currently on going or still pending application, should comply with the enhanced requirements for the issuance of a ECC or a CNC. Even existing projects currently under construction without a valid ECC are covered by the new Order. Proper coordination with the MGB for the new requirements is recommended as the MGB shall be consulted at all times on matters pertaining to geohazard assessment.

