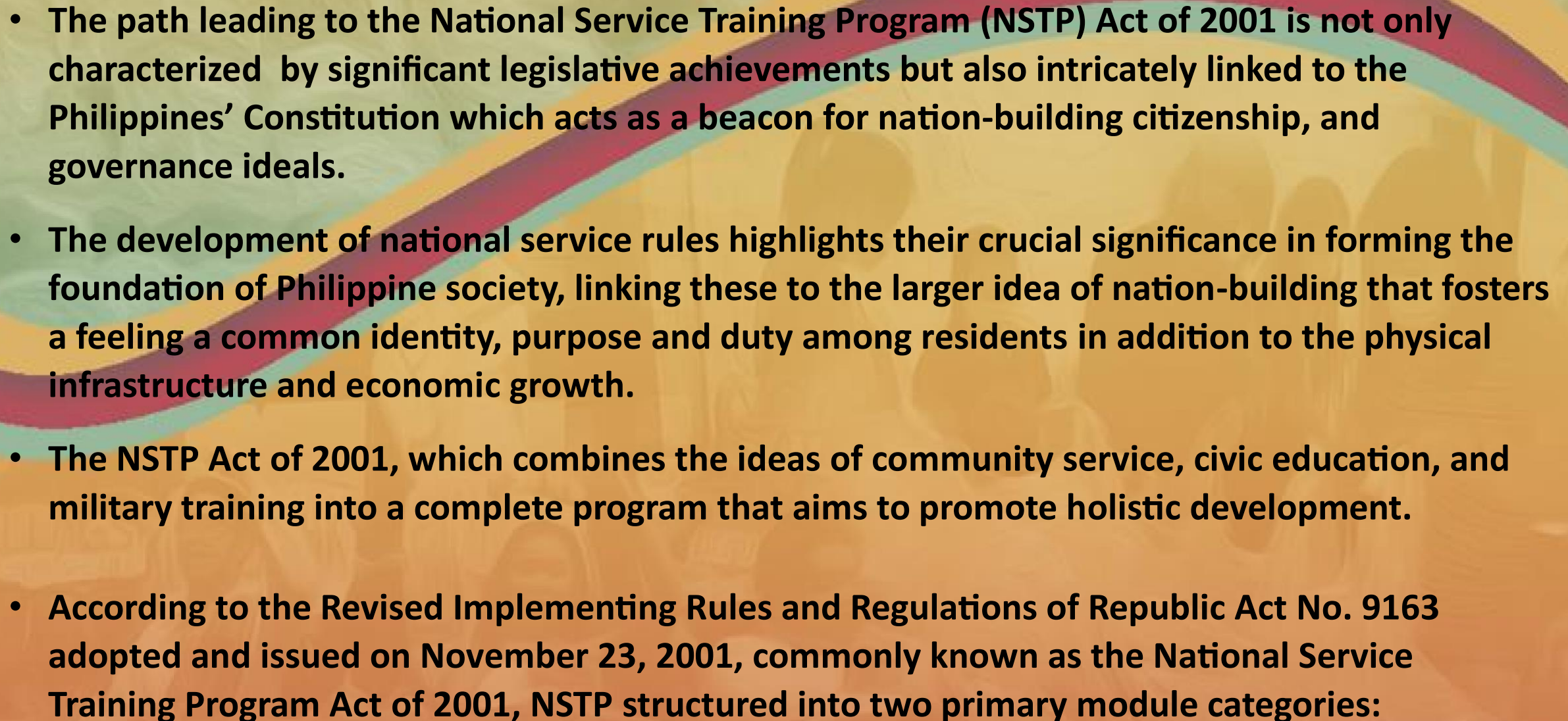




INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP)

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- The path leading to the National Service Training Program (NSTP) Act of 2001 is not only characterized by significant legislative achievements but also intricately linked to the Philippines' Constitution which acts as a beacon for nation-building citizenship, and governance ideals.
 - The development of national service rules highlights their crucial significance in forming the foundation of Philippine society, linking these to the larger idea of nation-building that fosters a feeling a common identity, purpose and duty among residents in addition to the physical infrastructure and economic growth.
 - The NSTP Act of 2001, which combines the ideas of community service, civic education, and military training into a complete program that aims to promote holistic development.
 - According to the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9163 adopted and issued on November 23, 2001, commonly known as the National Service Training Program Act of 2001, NSTP structured into two primary module categories:

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1. Common Modules
 2. Component Modules

COMMON MODULES- are mandatory for all incoming college freshmen whether a bachelor's degree or vocational course.

COMPONENT MODULES- are selected by the students based on their chosen programs component after completing the common module phase.

After the required and mandated 25 hours common module training, the student enrolled in NSTP has the right to choose from the program component offered in the school.

Republic Act No. 9163

An act establishing the National Service Training Program (NSTP) for tertiary level students, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7077 and Presidential Decree No. 1706 and for other purposes.

SECTION 1: Short Title: The Act shall be known as the National Service Training Program (NSTP) Act of 2001.

SECTION 2: Declaration of Policy: It is hereby affirmed the prime duty of government to serve and protect its citizens, In return , it shall be the responsibility of all citizens to defend the security of the State and in fulfillment thereof, the government may require each citizen to render personal, military or civil service.

SECTION 3: Definition of Terms: For purposes of this Act, the following are hereby defined as follows:

- **National Service Training Program (NSTP)** is a program aimed at enhancing civic consciousness and defense preparedness in the youth by developing the ethics of service and patriotism while undergoing training in any of its three (3) program components.

3 Primary Programs:

Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)- The primary goal of this component is to develop and prepare the college students for future military service as officers in the reserve components of the armed forces. ROTC program enable students to promote discipline, leadership, and patriotism.

Literacy Training Service (LTS)- is to empower students to contribute to the improvement of literacy rates and education in communities. Assigning students to teaching and mentoring positions within communities that highlights the value of reading and education.

Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS)- is to enlarge students in community service activities that promote social responsibilities, civic consciousness, and active participation in addressing community needs. The community service projects that emphasize common needs and advance social development. It refers to programs or activities contributory to the general welfare and the betterment of life for the members of the community or the enhancement of its facilities, especially those devoted to improving health, education, environment, entrepreneurship, safety, recreation and morals of the citizenry.

SECTION 4: Establishment of the National Service Training Program (NSTP): Which shall form part of the curricula of all baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two (2) year technicalvocalational courses and it is a requisite for graduation, consisting of any components.

SECTION 5: Coverage: Students, male and female, of any baccalaureate degree course or at least two (2)-year technical vocational courses in public and private educational institutions shall be required to complete one (1) of the NSTP components as requisite for graduation.

SECTION 6: Duration and Equivalent Course Unit: Each of the aforementioned NSTP program components shall be undertaken for an academic period of two (2) semesters.

SECTION 7: NSTP Offering in Higher and Technical-Vocational Educational Institutions: All higher and technical-vocational institutions, public and private must offer at least one of the program components. Provided, that State Universities and Colleges shall offer the ROTC component and at least one other component. Private higher and technical-vocational education institutions may also offer the ROTC if they have at least three hundred fifty (350) cadet students.

SECTION 8: Fees and Incentives. Higher and Technical-Vocational Institutions shall not collect any fee for any of the NSTP components except basic tuition fee.