The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

The PDEA is a regular law enforcement and regulatory agency which is responsible for the efficient and effective law enforcement of all provisions on any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursors and essential chemicals.

Creation of the Agency

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency was created by virtue of Republic Act 9165 (RA 9165), otherwise known as “The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.”

The new law defines more concrete courses of action for the national anti-drug campaign and imposes heavier penalties to offenders.

The enactment of RA 9165 reorganized the Philippine drug enforcement system with the creation of the new Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), which serves as the policy and strategy formulating body, and the establishment of a single mission drug agency — the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) — as its implementing arm.
Vision

By 2020, we are a highly credible and competent Agency leading the citizenry for a drug-free country.

Mission

As the lead Agency in the enforcement of the anti-drug law, the PDEA:

• Suppresses the supply of dangerous drugs;

• Implements Dangerous Drugs Board policies;

• Controls and regulates the legitimate use of dangerous drug and controlled precursors and essential chemicals;

• Supervises the anti-drug activities of other drug law enforcement agencies;

• Coordinates the participation of all stakeholders in the anti-drug campaign.

Core Values

Professional - We are committed to act with integrity in the performance of our duties, be proficient and reliable, and provide quality service to our stakeholders.

Dynamic - We endeavour to be actively responsive with the changing trends and needs of the Agency.

Excellence-driven - We strive to exceed expectations and deliver results of the highest quality.

Accountable - We take full accountability and responsibility for all actions and conduct in a manner that would earn the respect, trust and confidence of the people.
Mandate

Pursuant to Section 84 of the Republic Act 9165, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency shall have the following powers and duties:

a) Implement or cause the efficient and effective implementation of the national drug control strategy formulated by the Board thereby carrying out a national drug campaign which shall include drug law enforcement, control and prevention campaign with the assistance of concerned government agencies;

b) Undertake the enforcement of the provisions of Article II of this Act relative to the unlawful acts and penalties involving any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential chemical and investigate all violators and other matters involved in the commission of any crime relative to the use, abuse or trafficking of any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential chemical as provided for in this Act and the provisions of Presidential Decree 1619;

c) Administer oath, issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum relative to the conduct of investigation involving the violations of this Act;

d) Arrest and apprehend as well as search all violators and seize or confiscate, the effects or proceeds of the crimes as provided by law and take custody thereof, for this purpose the prosecutors and enforcement agents are authorized to possess firearms, in accordance with existing laws;

e) Take charge and have custody of all dangerous drugs and/or controlled precursors and essential chemicals seized, confiscated or surrendered to any national, provincial or local law enforcement agency, if no longer needed for purposes of evidence in court;

f) Establish forensic laboratories in each PNP office in every province and city in order to facilitate action on seized or confiscated drugs, thereby hastening its destruction without delay;

g) Recommend to the DOJ the forfeiture of properties and other assets of persons and/or corporations found to be violating the provisions of this Act and in accordance with pertinent provisions of the Anti-Money-Laundering Act of 2001;

h) Prepare for prosecution or cause the filing of appropriate criminal and civil cases for violation of all laws on dangerous drugs, controlled precursors and essential chemicals, and their similar controlled substances, and assist, support and coordinate with other government agencies for the proper and effective prosecution of the same;

i) Monitor, and if warranted by circumstances, in coordination with the Philippine Postal Office and the Bureau of Customs, inspect all air cargo packages, parcels and mails in the central post office, which appear from the package and address itself to be a possible importation of dangerous drugs and/or controlled precursors and essential chemicals, through on-line or cyber shops via the internet or cyberspace;

j) Conduct eradication programs to destroy wild or illegal growth of plants from which dangerous drugs may be extracted;

k) Initiate and undertake the formation of a nationwide organization which shall coordinate and supervise all activities against drug abuse in every province, city, municipality and barangay with the active and direct participation of all such local government units and nongovernmental organizations, including the citizenry, subject to the provisions of previously formulated programs of action against dangerous drugs;

l) Establish and maintain a national drug intelligence system in cooperation with law enforcement agencies, other government agencies/offices and local government units that will assist in its apprehension of big-time drug lords;
m) Establish and maintain close coordination, cooperation and linkages with international drug control and administration agencies and organizations, and implement the applicable provisions of international conventions and agreements related to dangerous drugs to which the Philippines is a signatory;

n) Create and maintain an efficient special enforcement unit to conduct an investigation, file charges and transmit evidence to the proper court, wherein members of the said unit shall possess suitable and adequate firearms for their protection in connection with the performance of their duties: Provided, that no previous special permit for such possession shall be required;

o) Require all government and private hospitals, clinics, doctors, dentists and other practitioners to submit a report to it, in coordination with the Board, about all dangerous drugs and/or controlled precursors and essential chemicals which they have attended to for data and information purposes;

p) Coordinate with the Board for the facilitation of the issuance of necessary guidelines, rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act;

q) Initiate and undertake a national campaign for drug prevention and drug control programs, where it may enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, in the anti-illegal drugs drive, which may include the use of their respective personnel, facilities, and resources for a more resolute detection and investigation of drug related crimes and prosecution of the drug traffickers; and

r) Submit an annual and periodic reports to the Board as may be required from time to time, and perform such other functions as may be authorized or required under existing laws and as directed by the President himself/herself or as recommended by the congressional committees concerned.
Organizational Structure

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency is headed by a Director General who holds the rank of Undersecretary. He is assisted by the Deputy Director General for Administration and Deputy Director General for Operations, both with the rank of Assistant Secretary.

To carry out its duties and powers, the Agency is provided with national services and maintains regional offices. These offices shall be responsible for the implementation of RA 9165 and the policies, programs and projects of the Agency in their respective areas of responsibilities.
The PDEA Strategy Map

The PDEA Strategy Map is a visual representation of the primary strategic goals being pursued by the Agency in order to contribute in providing a safe and peaceful environment and to improve the quality of life of the Filipino people.

This shows the nine (9) strategic objectives of the Agency which serve as the potent guide of PDEA in treading the effective, efficient, and responsive way of reducing the drug affectation in the country.
The PDEA logo is essential to visually represent the Agency to the public. In compliance with RA 8491 (Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines) and the principles of the TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Agreement, the Agency has facilitated the registration of its official logo at the National Historic Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

On September 10, 2013, the Office of the President has approved the registration of the PDEA logo.

**SHAPE:**
Symbolizes the Agency’s thrust to eliminate the drug problem in the country using dynamic strategies in the performance of its mandates, functions and duties: all encompassing, balanced and comprehensive.

**FLAG COLORS:**
Represents the Agency’s commitment to uphold at all times the Constitution and the rule of law as well as the national motto: Maka Diyos, Makatao, Makakalikasan at Makabansa. The colors are derived from the Philippine National Flag with corresponding standard pantone numbers as follows: blue-072, red-185 and golden yellow-116.

**GREEN COLOR:**
Stands for the Agency’s vision to become highly credible and competent in leading the citizenry for a drug-free country in the future. The standard pantone number for this color is 375c.

**PDEA:**
Acronym for the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the country’s lead agency in the enforcement of Republic Act No.9165, also known as “The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.”
The PDEA Hymn

Since July 2010, the PDEA hymn is being sung every flag raising ceremony and official events of the Agency.

The PDEA hymn aims to keep the fervor of serving the country burning in the hearts of every PDEA personnel.

**Tungkuling Alay**

Ito’y aming pangako bansa’y paglingkuran
Magandang kinabukasan alay sa kabataan
Tayo’y magsama-sama tungo sa tagumpay
Lakas ng PDEA ating iwayway
Ito’y aming tungkuling alay
Na sa inyo’y ibibigay
Buhay ma’y iaalay kung kailangan
Sa tungkuling aming sinumpaan
Kahusaya’t kakayahan tungo sa kaunlaran
Karangala’t dedikasyon pamanang iwan
Halina at kumilos tayo’y magpasya
Bansang ligtas sa droga hangad ng PDEA
Ito’y aming tungkuling alay
Na sa inyo’y ibibigay
Buhay ma’y iaalay kung kailangan
Sa tungkuling aming sinumpaan