

The Philippines Submits the PQF Referencing Report

The Philippine Qualifications Framework National Coordinating Council (PQF NCC) submits today, 16 October 2018 the Philippine Referencing Report to the ASEAN Qualifications Referencing Framework(AQRF) Committee.

The Report follows the 11 point Referencing Criteria that 1) describes the structure of the Philippine education and training system; 2) present the responsibilities and legal bases of all relevant national bodies involved in the referencing process; 3) illustrate the procedures for inclusion of qualifications in the PQF and in the Philippine Qualifications Register; 4) show the link between the PQF levels and the AQRF neutral levels; 5) describes the basis of agreed standards of the PQF and its qualifications; 6) describes the quality assurance systems for Philippine education and training that refer to the PQF; 7) show that the process for referencing has been devised by the main public authority (PQF NCC) and the NCC member agencies in consultation with various stakeholders; 8) an international expert, Ms Dorte Kristoffersen, from Australia provided external assistance in finalizing the report. The Report shall be published as required in Criterion 9 as Criterion 10 states that the ASEAN Secretariat shall published by the ASEAN Secretariat. Criterion 11 encourages that following the referencing process, all qualification granting bodies shall indicate in new qualifications a clear reference to the appropriate PQF and AQRF levels.

The Philippine Report states in Criterion 4 that the 8 levels and the descriptors of the PQF are aligned with the 8 levels and descriptors of the AQRF. The Report for Criterion 6 on Quality Assurance lays down the quality assurance systems for TVET, higher education and professional licensing, both in terms of quality assurance by government agencies and quality assurance through voluntary quality accreditation by private agencies, local and international.

The 169-page Philippine Report was developed by the National Referencing Committee established specifically for the AQRF referencing. The Report writing started in May 2017 and the drafts were subjected to validation and consultations with various stakeholders.

The Philippine Report to the AQRF Referencing is a major effort to fulfill one of the 3 objectives of Republic Act 10968, the PQF law, which is to align domestic qualification standards with international qualifications frameworks for recognition of the value and comparability of Philippine qualifications thereby supporting the mobility of Filipino workers and learners.