

market; and, 3) To align the PQF with international qualifications framework to support the national and international mobility of workers through increased recognition of the value and comparability of Philippine qualifications.

SECTION 2. PQF National Coordinating Committee. The PQF National Coordinating Committee is hereby created to be Chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) with the following as members: a) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); b) Commission on Higher Education (CHED); c) Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); and, d) Professional Regulations Commission (PRC).

SECTION 3. Functions of the PQF National Coordinating Committee. The PQF National Coordinating Committee shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations within sixty days of the effectivity of this EO. It shall also provide regular feedback on the progress and accomplishments to the Office of the President with respect to the implementation of this EO.

SECTION 4. Participation of the Industry Sector. Industry sector representatives shall be consulted and tapped in the detailing and application of the PQF to ensure alignment of educational outcomes to job requirements.

SECTION 5. Level Descriptors. The PQF shall incorporate an 8-level Qualifications Descriptors defined in terms of the following: knowledge, skills and values, application, and degree of independence.

SECTION 6. Learning Standards. DepEd, TESDA and CHED shall make detailed descriptors for each qualification level based on learning standards in basic education, competency standards of training regulations, and the policies and standards of higher education academic programs. They shall jointly implement national pilot programs to determine its relevance and applicability in all levels of education.

SECTION 7. Review of Licensure Examinations. The PRC and CHED shall review the framework and contents of the licensure examinations of each of the professions and align them with that of the PQF.

SECTION 8. Technical Secretariat. To ensure efficient and effective implementation, DepEd, TESDA and CHED shall organize from their present staff complements a permanent Technical Secretariat. The Secretariat may contract the services of technical experts and authorities on relevant areas of concern such as equivalencies, accreditation, curriculum development, educational measurement and testing.

SECTION 9. Funding. The funds necessary for the implementation of the PQF shall be charged against the existing appropriations of DepEd, TESDA and CHED.

