

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83, October 01, 2012]

**INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS
FRAMEWORK**

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;

WHEREAS, the present Philippine Education System has a unique trifocalized education management system, basic education, technical-vocational education and training and higher education;

WHEREAS, the national agenda for inclusive growth, creation of employment opportunities and poverty reduction can only be achieved through collaboration and unity of purpose of the education and training sectors with industry;

WHEREAS, one of the key result areas (KRAs) under Executive Order (EO) No. 43, is rapid, inclusive and sustained economic growth – one that generates jobs and livelihood for, and increase the income of the poor;

WHEREAS, there are gaps in the education and labor sector brought about by poor information and the continuing disconnect between educational institutions and employment/industry trends which has brought about the mismatch in jobs and skills; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of a qualifications framework will benefit various sectors and stakeholders of education and training, particularly in: 1) encouraging lifelong learning of individuals; 2) providing employers specific training standards and qualifications that are aligned to industry standards; 3) ensuring that training and educational institutions adhere to specific standards and are accountable for achieving the same; and 4) providing the government with common standards, taxonomy and typology of qualifications as bases for granting approvals to stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Philippine Qualifications Framework. The Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) is hereby established with the following objectives: 1) To adopt national standards and levels for outcomes of education; 2) To support the development and maintenance of pathways and equivalencies which, provide access to qualifications and assist people to move easily and readily between the different education and training sectors and between these sectors and the labor 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.