### 147th TESDA BOARD MEETING

26 May 2025, Monday, 1:30 P.M. TESDA Board Room,7th Floor, TESDA Main Building, East Service Road, Taguig City

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## APPROVING THE AMENDED GUIDELINES ON THE PACKAGING RULES OF PQF LEVEL 5 (DIPLOMA) PROGRAMS FOR THE TVET SECTOR

WHEREAS, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is committed to enhancing the standards and quality of technical education and skills development in the Philippines through updated standards for TVET trainers, ensuring alignment with industry needs and pedagogical advancements;

WHEREAS, Section 14 (b) of Republic Act No. 7796 mandates that TESDA shall develop and establish a national system of skills standardization, testing and certification and conduct research and development on various occupational areas in order to recommend policies, rules and regulations for effective and efficient skills standardization, testing and certification system in the country;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10647 or the Ladderized Education Act institutionalizes the ladderized interface between the technical-vocational education and training and higher education to open the pathways of opportunities for career and educational progression of students and workers, create a seamless and borderless system of education, empower students and workers to exercise options or choose when to enter and exit in the educational ladder, and provide job platforms at every exit as well as the opportunity to earn income,

WHEREAS, on 16 January 2018, Republic Act No. 10968 entitled "An Act Institutionalizing the PQF, Establishing the PQF-National Coordinating Council (NCC) and Appropriating Funds Therefor" was enacted to Institutionalize the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) which sets the standards for qualification outcomes;

WHEREAS, TESDA developed Diploma level qualifications aligned with the PQF Level 5 Descriptors and 21st Century Skills complemented with graduate attributes referenced from the Sydney Accord, Nationalism, and Global Citizenship, and issued TESDA Circular No. 38, Series of 2017, entitled "Implementing Guidelines for the Program Under PQF Level V (Diploma) Pilot" and was amended by TESDA Circular No. 119 s. 2020, entitled "Omnibus Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs" which was promulgated by the TESDA Board. The Diploma programs covered by this foregoing Circular are described by the agreed/developed seventeen (17) Program Learning Outcomes (PLOS). Relative to this, a Procedures Manual in the Evaluation of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs was issued under the TESDA Circular No. 086, Series of 2019, in compliance with the preconditions for the development of Diploma Programs and its implication to the

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articulation and credit transfer. Likewise, Diploma Programs developed by the Institutions are subjected to program recognition and are evaluated by regional/provincial diploma program recognition focals trained by the Curriculum and Training Aids Development Division (CTADD).

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Planning Office undertook a comprehensive Study on the Evaluation of the Diploma Programs, identifying key challenges encountered by program implementers; subsequent to this study, in 2024, CTADD conducted further consultations through various activities pertaining to the PQF Level 5 Diploma Programs, with the aim of validating and clarifying the specific challenges faced during implementation.

WHEREAS, as of December 2024, there are six-hundred eighty-four (684) recognized Diploma Programs under the PQF Level 5 with Certificate of Program Recognition (COPR) offered by both public and private training providers.

WHEREAS, as of January 2024, two (2) Diploma Program Standards in Cybersecurity and Agricultural Technology were promulgated by the TESDA Board. These Diploma Program Standards are sets of program guidelines, parameters, and rules that govern a specific program of education at PQF level 5.

WHEREAS, the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector are deemed critical for maintaining the relevance and responsiveness of diploma programs to the evolving demands of technical-vocational education, and for ensuring alignment with advancements in educational technologies and modern pedagogical approaches, particularly for PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs lacking TESDA-promulgated diploma program standards.

WHEREAS, the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector were presented in different fora: Policies and Planning Cluster Meeting, September 10, 2024 & December 13, 2024; TESDA Intercluster Meeting, December 18, 2024; Pre-SSSDC Meeting, January 15, 2025, & April 11, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Amended Omnibus Guidelines integrating recommendations from various consultations was presented in the 178<sup>th</sup> Standards Setting and Systems Development – Finance Committee Meeting on 25 April 2025, the Committee favorably endorsed the said guidelines;

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WHEREAS, the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector, series of 2025, is herewith annexed and made an integral part of this resolution;

WHEREAS, upon the approval of the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector, TESDA Circular No. 119, Series of 2020, and all other existing provisions that are not in accordance with these Amended Guidelines shall be superseded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the TESDA Board, in its meeting today, 26 May 2025 at 1:30 p.m., approves the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector that shall serve as the basis for developing and evaluating PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs with no TESDA Board Promulgated Diploma Program Standards.

**BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY,** that copies of this Resolution and the Amended Guidelines on the Packaging Rules of PQF Level 5 (Diploma) Programs for the TVET Sector be published and disseminated to all concerned.

Department of Labor and Employment Adopted this 26th day of May 2025. Office of the Secretary GUESMA SEC. JUAN EDGARDO M. ANGARA SEC. BIENVENIDO DepEd Secretary and TESDA Board DOLE Secretary and Co-Chairperson **TESDA Board Chairperson** E FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ USEC, TEODORO M. GATCHALIAN Undersecretary, DOST Secretary/Director General TESDA

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