

## Official Notice 001

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**Title:** Philippine Qualifications – K12 Reform

MQRIC informs that due to the 2013 Basic Education Act (known as the K12 Reform) that came into force in the Philippines in 2018, Bachelor degrees awarded prior to this reform are rated as comparable to MQF Level 5 whereas Bachelor degrees attained from 2018 onwards are rated as comparable to MQF Level 6. Similarly, Masters degrees attained before this reform are rated as comparable to MQF Level 6, whereas Masters degrees attained from 2018 onwards are rated as comparable to MQF level 7.

This notice is not applicable to degrees awarded by the 'prestigious institutions' whose level ratings for Bachelors and Masters degrees is comparable to MQF Level 6 and MQF level 7, irrespective of whether these were awarded before or after the K12 Reform.

The following are prestigious institutions:

- The Asian Institute of Management
- Ateneo de Manila University
- De La Salle University – Manila
- University of Santo Tomas
- University of the Philippines - Diliman

MQRIC further informs that this notice applies retrospectively to all previous recognition statements issued by it for recognised Bachelors and Master degrees. Therefore, all past statements issued by MQRIC having level ratings contrary to this notice shall be read and construed according to this notice.