

The chairperson of the CPD Council shall be the member of the PRB so chosen by the PRB concerned to set in the CPD Council.

The first member shall be the president or officer of the AIPO/APO duly authorized by its Board of Governors/Trustees. In the absence of the AIPO/APO, the PRB concerned shall submit within ten (10) working days from notification of such absence, a list of three (3) recommendees from the national professional organizations. The PRC shall designate the first member within thirty (30) days from receipt of the list.

The second member shall be the president or officer of the national organization of deans or department chairpersons of schools, colleges or universities offering the course requiring the licensure examination. In the absence of such organization, the PRB concerned shall submit within ten (10) days working days from notification of such absence, a list of three (3) recommendees from the academe. The PRC shall designate the second member within twenty (20) working days from receipt of the list.

The term of office of the chairperson of the CPD Council shall be coterminous with his/her incumbency in the PRB unless sooner replaced by the PRB concerned through a resolution, subject to the approval of the PRC. The first and second members shall have a term of office of two (2) years unless sooner replaced through a resolution by the AIPO/APO concerned or the organization of deans or heads of departments, respectively. However, members of the CPD Council who are appointed by the PRC may be replaced before the end of the two (2)-year period, upon the recommendation of the PRB through a resolution.

**SEC. 8. Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the CPD Council.**—The CPD Council for each profession shall:

(a) Ensure the adequate and appropriate provision of CPD Programs for their respective profession;

(b) Evaluate and act on applications for accreditation of CPD Providers and their CPD Programs;

(c) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the CPD Programs;

(d) Assess and/or upgrade the criteria for accreditation of CPD Providers and their CPD Programs on a regular basis;

(e) Develop mechanisms for the validation, accreditation and recognition of self-directed learning, prior/informal learning, online learning, and other learning processes through professional work and experience;

(f) Conduct researchers, studies and benchmarking for international alignment of the CPD Programs;

(g) Issue operational guidelines, with the approval of the PRC and the PRB concerned; and

(h) Perform such other functions related or incidental to the implementation of the CPD.

**SEC. 9. Secretariat.**—A CPD Council Secretariat is hereby created at the PRC Central and Regional Offices to provide technical, administrative and operational support to the CPD Councils and the PRBs in the implementation of the CPD Programs. The CPD Council Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the PRC.

### ARTICLE III

#### CPD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

**SEC. 10. CPD as Mandatory Requirement in the Renewal of Professional License and Accreditation System for the Practice of Professions.**—The CPD is hereby made as a mandatory requirement in the renewal of the PICs of all registered and licensed professionals under the regulation of the PRC.

**SEC. 11. Recognition of Credit Units.**—All duly validated and recognized CPD credit units earned by a professional shall be

accumulated and transferred in accordance with the Pathways and Equivalencies of the PQF.

**SEC. 12. Career Progression and Specialization.**—The PRC and the PRBs, in consultation with the AIPO/APO, the Civil Service Commission (CSC), other concerned government agencies and industry stakeholders, shall formulate and implement a Career Progression and Specialization Program for every profession. The Career Progression and Specialization Program shall form part of the CPD.

**SEC. 13. Role of Concerned Government Agencies and the Private Sector.**—All concerned government agencies and private firms and organizations employing professionals shall include the CPD as part of their human resource development plan and program.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### FINAL PROVISIONS

**Sec. 14. Funding.**—The implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be immediately included in the PRC programs, the funding of which shall be included in its annual submissions for inclusion in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The funding requirement herein mentioned shall be used for the regular operations of the CPD Councils, including the monitoring of the conduct of the CPD Programs.

The PRC shall review and approve the proposed budget for each CPD Council, taking into consideration the reasonable expenses that will be incurred for travel, honorarium/allowances, and *per diems*, when, attending official CPD Council meetings or performing other related functions assigned to them.

**SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**—The PRC and the PRBs, in consultation with the AIPO/APO and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) within six (6) months from the effectivity of

this Act. However, a PRB may prescribe its own requirements or procedure relating to the CPD as may be pertinent and applicable to the specific profession: *Provided*, That the same does not contravene any of the provisions of this Act and its IRR.

**SEC. 16. Fraud Relating to CPD.**—Fraudulent acts relating to the implementation and enforcement of this Act shall be punishable under the pertinent provisions of the Revised Penal Code, the New Civil Code and other applicable laws.

In addition to the penalties prescribed in the aforementioned laws, a professional who is adjudged guilty of any fraudulent act relating to the CPD shall also be meted with the penalty of suspension or revocation of his/her PRC Certificate of Registration and/or Certificate of Specialization.

In case of a government official or employee who is party to any fraudulent act relating to the CPD. He/she shall also be subject to the administrative penalties that may be imposed under the anti-graft laws, the Administrative Code and the Code of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees.

**SEC. 17. Separability Clause.**—If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 18. Repealing Clause.**—All laws, decrees, executive orders and other administrative issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 19. Effectivity.**—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Lapsed into law on July 21, 2016, without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution.