

## **CHED and NZQA Joint Statement**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) are committed to ensuring transparency, quality, and equity in our higher education systems.

As part of this commitment the CHED and NZQA have undertaken a comparative analysis of New Zealand and Philippines Bachelor's Degrees through a thorough referencing process comparing academic programs from both countries. The analysis deepens the understanding of the countries' qualification and quality assurance systems; and established a relationship between the relevant levels of the two countries' national qualification frameworks. This analysis has found that New Zealand and Philippine Bachelor degrees that meet certain criteria are comparable.

The CHED and NZQA are issuing a joint publication titled *Making Connections: Comparing qualifications in the Philippines and New Zealand* (user guide) which seeks to improve understanding of education and qualification systems in the two countries.

This user guide will help support more transparent and consistent qualification recognition between the Philippines and New Zealand. Through it, we seek to strengthen the recognition of Bachelor degrees and support improved student and labour mobility.

While a holder of a Philippines or New Zealand qualification will not be able to claim automatic recognition, the user guide provides information to support qualifications recognition decisions. CHED and NZQA believes this user guide will be of use to credential evaluators, employers, education providers and job seekers.

NZQA and CHED have established an excellent working relationship since the project started in 2017. We look forward to continuing to share information about education and quality assurance best practice in the future.