



PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

Career Progression and Specialization Program Credit Accumulation and Transfer System

VERSION 2 AS OF 18 MAY 2026

What are the Legal Bases of PRC to be the Authority Granting Agency for the Conferment of Higher Professional Qualifications?

Republic Act No. 10912
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016

The PRC and 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.

Republic Act No. 10968
Philippine Qualifications Framework Act

Republic Act (RA) No. 10968, otherwise known as "An Act Institutionalizing the Philippines Qualifications Framework (PQF), Establishing the PQF-National Coordinating Council (NCC) and Appropriating Funds Therefor," herein referred to as the "PQF Act".

PQF National Coordinating Council Resolution No. 2026-02 (s. 2026)
Approving the Revised Domains, Level Descriptors, and Diagrams, of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF)

LEVEL	Basic Education	Technical Ed & Skills Development	Higher Ed	Professional Ed	Lifelong Learning
8			Doctoral & Post-Doctoral	Advanced Higher Professional / Specialist II	Microcredential
7			Post-Baccalaureate	Advanced Professional / Specialist I	Microcredential
6			Baccalaureate	Professional (Registered – Licensed / Non-regulated)	Microcredential
5		Diploma	Associate	Subprofessional L5	Microcredential
4		NC IV		Subprofessional L4	Microcredential
3	Senior High School	NC III			Microcredential
2		NC II			Microcredential
1		NC I			Microcredential

Sec. 6 Framework and Level Descriptors of the IRR of RA No. 10968

The PQF National Coordinating Council (PQF-NCC) shall make detailed descriptors for each qualification level following the principles of lifelong learning and the recognition of prior learning from previous informal experiences, while incorporating the learning standards in basic education, competency standards of training regulations, and the policies and standards of higher education academic programs. The level descriptors shall also incorporate or take into consideration standards of career progression for professionals, specializations, and multi-disciplinary fields of study.

What is Career Progression?

The process of developing or moving towards a more advanced state in a person's job, title, position, or profession; it outlines the route one may follow in order to reach identified career development goals;

What is Specialization?

Refers to the field of practice of a profession for a particular area of knowledge or the process of becoming an expert in a particular field of professional practice.

What is a Qualification Title?

Qualification refers to a formal certification that a person has successfully achieved specific learning outcomes relevant to the identified academic, industry or community requirements. A qualification confers official recognition of value in the labor market and in further education and training;

A qualification is a formal document issued by an authorized body in recognition of an individual's educational attainment and/or current competencies. This document may come in the form of Diploma, Certificate or License.

What is Philippine Qualifications Register? (PhQuaR)

The national database of quality assured qualifications authorized under the PQF. It provides information to employers, education and training providers and students. The information includes the Qualification title, Qualification Descriptors, the PQF Level, the Authority granting Agency, the Qualification Code, the Instrument and Date of Authorization. It also includes information on the quality assurance system and procedures applied to the awarding/conferment of the qualifications and the agencies mandated to authorize/issue such qualification.

How can a Qualification Title be entered in the PhQuaR?

In order to include in the Philippine Qualification Register which is a national database of quality assured qualifications authorized under the PQF, there is a need to issue Guidelines for the Professional Regulatory Boards in the formulation and implementation of their Career Progression and Specialization for their respective profession.

PRC Resolution No. 1117 s. 2018

Formulation of Guidelines on the Creation and Implementation of the Career Progression and Specialization for the Regulated Professions.

STEP 1

Creation of the Career Progression and Specialization Program

- I. Identification of Career Pathways
- II. Identification of Career Progression and Specialization Programs Qualification Titles
- III. Determine the competencies and learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills, values, application, and degree of independence
- IV. Determine the PQF Qualification level

STEP 2

Implementing Guidelines for every Career Progression and Specialization Program

- FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PATHWAY:
1. Educational Program, Program Outcomes and Competencies
 2. Entry Requirements
 3. Method of Delivery
 4. Duration of the Program
 5. Number of units to be awarded and the total to be awarded
 6. Teaching-learning activities
 7. Quality Assurance Mechanism
 8. Competency Assessment System
 9. Qualification/s and Type of Award
 10. Awarding Bodies
 11. Matrix of the Professional Portfolio with Corresponding Qualification Framework Credit

PRC Resolution No. 1591 s. 2022

Guidelines on the Accreditation of Specialty Society / Organization and other Specialty Categories Providing Structured Training Programs for Professionals

STEP 3

Implementing Guidelines on the Accreditation of Specialty Societies or Other Specialty Categories Providing Structured Training Programs

STEP 4

Implementing Guidelines on the Recognition of Professionals with Advanced or Higher Qualifications

**Pre-requisite: Steps 1-4 have been approved by the PRC before the implementation of the CPSP*

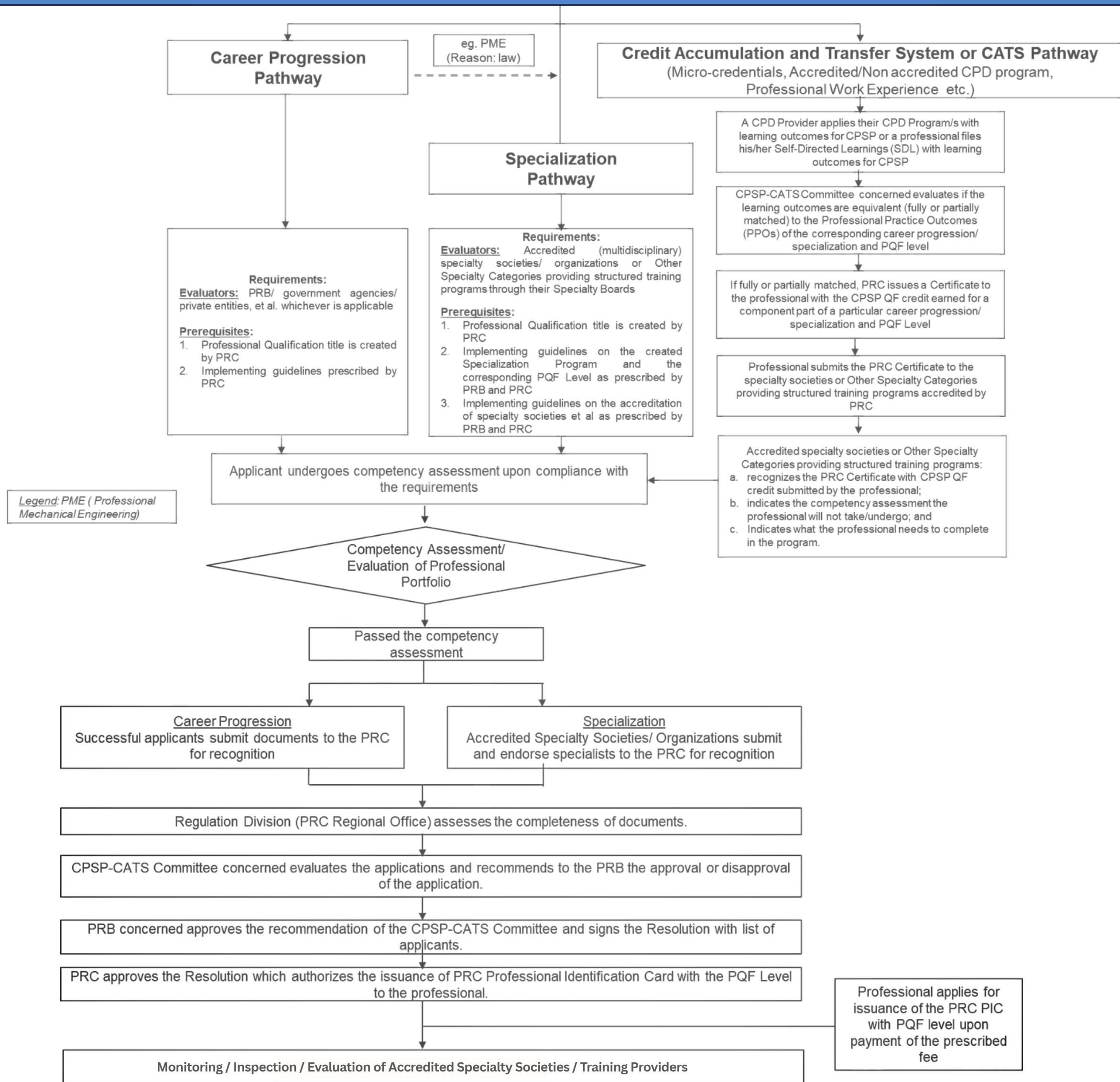
Implementation of the Career Progression and Specialization Program

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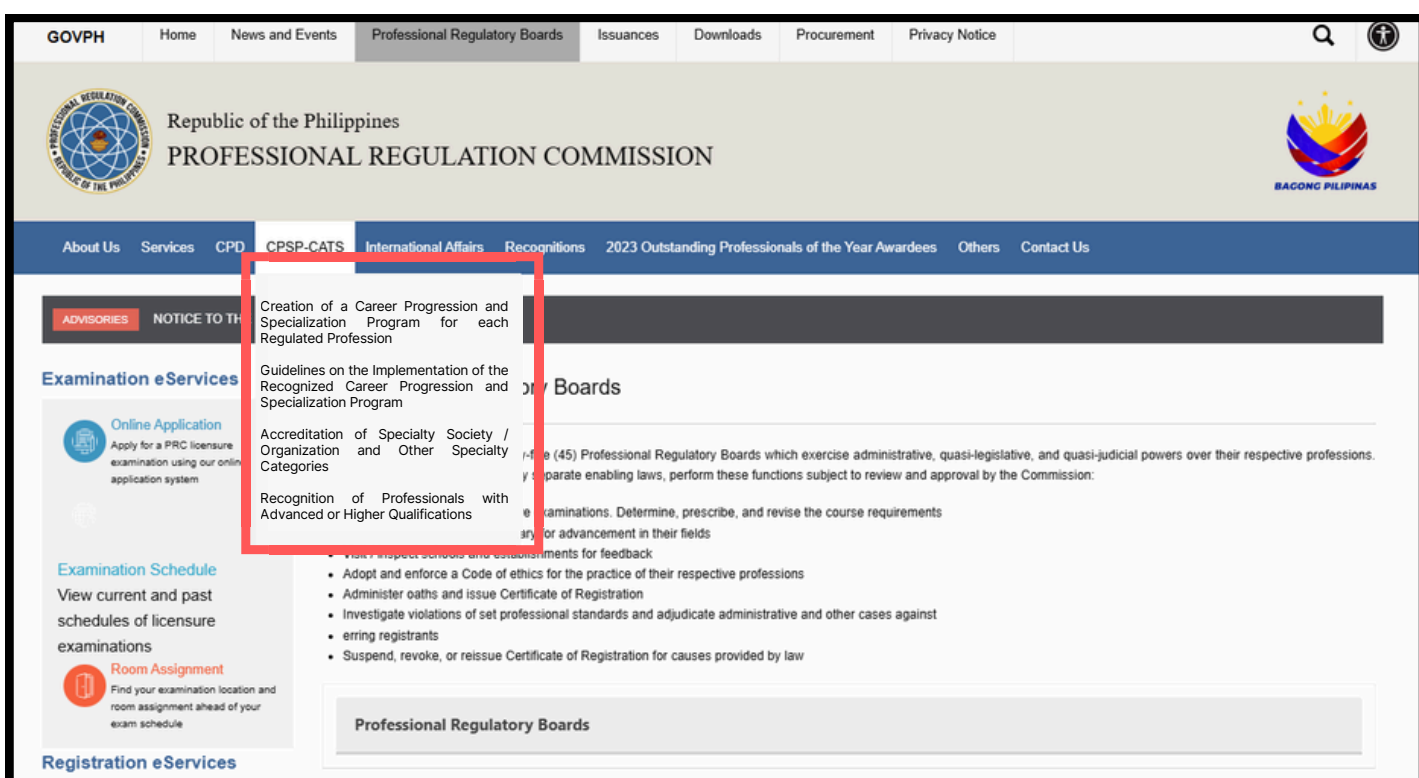
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How are Professional Qualification Titles Acquired through the CPSP?

Issuance of a Certificate of Registration (COR) or COR and PRC Professional Identification Card (Entry Level)



Where can the issuances on the CPSP by the PRC and Professional Regulatory Boards be accessed?



PRC Resolution No. 1913 (s. 2024)

Indicating the Appropriate PQF Level in the Professional Identification Cards (PIC) for Professionals with Advanced or Higher Qualifications (sample)

