

# TESDA CIRCULAR

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In the interest of the service and in view of the agency's reform and development agenda and the thrust towards quality-assured TVET, to prepare learners for life-long learning, and enable them to intellectually participate in knowledge generation and better prepare them for large-scale changes in the workplace, technology and global market, the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Skills Framework is hereby adapted and incorporated in the TESDA Basic Competency Standards of TVET qualifications from Levels I to V of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF).


The expanded Basic Competencies now include what has been identified as **21st-century skills**, defined as "*knowledge, skills, work habits, and character traits believed to be critically important to success in today's world*". Specifically, the main themes of the integrated 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills are: ***Learning and Innovation, Critical Thinking and Problem, Information and Technology, Entrepreneurship, Life and Career Skills, Environment Literacy, Occupational Health and Safety, Communication and, Teamwork and Collaboration***. A copy of the expanded Basic Competency Standard can be accessed through TESDA website.

All TVET providers including TESDA Technology Institutions are enjoined and encouraged to incorporate, on a pilot-implementation basis, these expanded basic competencies in their registered TVET programs. Likewise, all providers are encouraged to develop/customize their own competency-based curricula for the delivery of these competencies.

The development of the expanded basic competencies is a work-in-progress and hence TVET providers are free to adopt it wholly or enhance/add to it, cluster or integrate it based on the local situation and priorities, document and report or share such experiences.

All TESDA Regional Directors shall monitor the implementation of the expanded Basic Competencies.

This Circular shall take effect on February 5, 2017.

  
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