

**EDUCATION SECTOR – Batch 3**

*Note: Metadata for the statistical concepts for the education sector, which are defined below, are provided in Annex BR-17-20111216-01b.*

1. **Formal education** – The systematic and deliberate process of hierarchically-structured and sequential learning corresponding to the general concept of elementary, secondary, and tertiary-level schooling.
2. **Nonformal education** – Any organized, systematic educational activity that takes place outside the framework of the formal system to provide selected types of learning to a segment of the population.
3. **Informal education** – A lifelong process of learning by which a person acquires and accumulates knowledge, skills, attitudes, and insights from daily experiences at home, at work, at play, and from life itself.
4. **Higher education** – The stage of formal education covering the programs on: (a) all courses of study leading to bachelor's degree, and (b) all degree courses of study beyond bachelor's degree level.
5. **Higher education institution (HEI)** – An institution of higher learning recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and primarily offering degree programs.
6. **Associate degree** – An undergraduate degree offered by higher education institutions that requires the completion of a secondary level of education or an accreditation and equivalency certificate for the same level as a minimum qualification for entry and usually takes two to three years of full time study.
7. **Bachelor's degree** – An undergraduate degree offered by higher education institutions that requires the completion of a secondary level of education or an accreditation and equivalency certificate for the same level as a minimum qualification for entry and usually takes four years of full-time study.
8. **Master's degree** – A graduate degree offered by higher education institutions that requires a bachelor's degree as a minimum qualification for entry, takes one to two years of full-time study, and usually with a thesis requirement.
9. **Doctoral degree** – A graduate degree offered by higher education institutions that requires significant original research for dissertation and usually takes at least three years of full time study.
10. **Technical vocational education and training (TVET)** – The education or training process that involves, in addition to general education, the study of technologies and related sciences and the acquisition of practical skills relating to occupations in various sectors of economic and social life.
11. **Alternative learning** – A parallel learning aimed to provide a viable alternative to the existing formal educational instruction that encompasses both the nonformal and informal sources of knowledge and skills.

12. **Accreditation and equivalency of alternative learning for basic education** – A certification of learning measured by a test given annually by the Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems (BALS) to out-of-school children, youths, and adults 11 years old and over who are unable to avail of the formal system or who have dropped out of formal elementary and secondary education.
13. **Mean percentage score (MPS)** – The arithmetic average of the percentage of correctly answered items out of the total number of test questions in a given test.
14. **Scholarship** – A financial grant and/or special recognition given to a deserving student based on intellectual merit and/or special talents.
15. **Scholar** – A recipient of a scholarship.
16. **Study grant** – Financial assistance granted to students to pursue education.